



The value of these little porkers ... priceless



By Sam Irwin

Parents want to do everything for their children. So, when former high school agriculture teacher Butch Racca's nine-year-old daughter said she wanted to show a hog in the local 4-H competition, daddy went out and bought her a pig.

Twenty-four years later, Racca is still fooling with swine in a big way and when his nine-year-old grandson shows his first 4-H show pig later this year the circle will be complete.

"We bought my daughter a gilt (a young female pig) to show and it grew from there," Racca says.

Surveying his three barns loaded

with more than 150 squealing and grunting breeding pigs, Racca chuckles at the notion that it all began with a little girl's wish. But from that humble beginning the pig farmer from Iowa (the small southwest Louisiana town, that is) has slowly built a reputation for prize show pigs that has the big boys from Oklahoma and Iowa (the large pig-

producing states in the middle of the country) bidding big bucks for Racca genetics.

Racca calls his business R5 Pork Place. R5's breakthrough success first occurred a few years back.

"We've always done well with our show pigs," he says. In fact, the R5 farm averaged \$500 a head last year at their private sale.

"But we sold a boar named Roc On about six years ago at an auction in Duncan, Oklahoma, for \$14,000," Racca remembers. "Now some pigs go higher than that, but for a farm in Louisiana that's a lot of money."

Racca says proudly that Roc On has been the "crossbred boar of the country" for the last four years. He says Roc On's owner, Top Cut Sires of Ohio, sells the fortunate sire's semen for \$200 a shot and "he stays booked up."

"Thirty to 40 of his offspring are also standing stud across the country," Racca adds.

Like many good men, the key to Roc On's success was his mama.

Once word spread about the quality of Roc On's progeny, the next year R5 farm sold five additional pigs from Queen of R5, Roc On's mother, for a combined \$35,000.

Racca says he thought Queen of R5 was something special from the

beginning. Sired from the legendary champion Full Court and a 105 female, Queen of R5 was a fortuitous combination of good breeding and luck. Racca hopes Queen of R5's bloodlines will ensure continued success in breeding show pigs.

"We think she's (Queen of R5) got valuable genetics," Racca says. "She's known all over the country as Queen of R5."

Now that they've produced a winner, Racca is controlling Queen of R5's precious traits.

"We've kept all the sows off her because she's our bread and butter," he said. "She's big, rugged, big-footed and heavy-boned. We've bred her to six different boars and every one of them has produced a winner."

Racca has also preserved plenty of his porcine royalty's DNA for future cloning possibilities.

The Queen grunts in recognition as Racca lets her out of her breeding pen to walk around a bit.

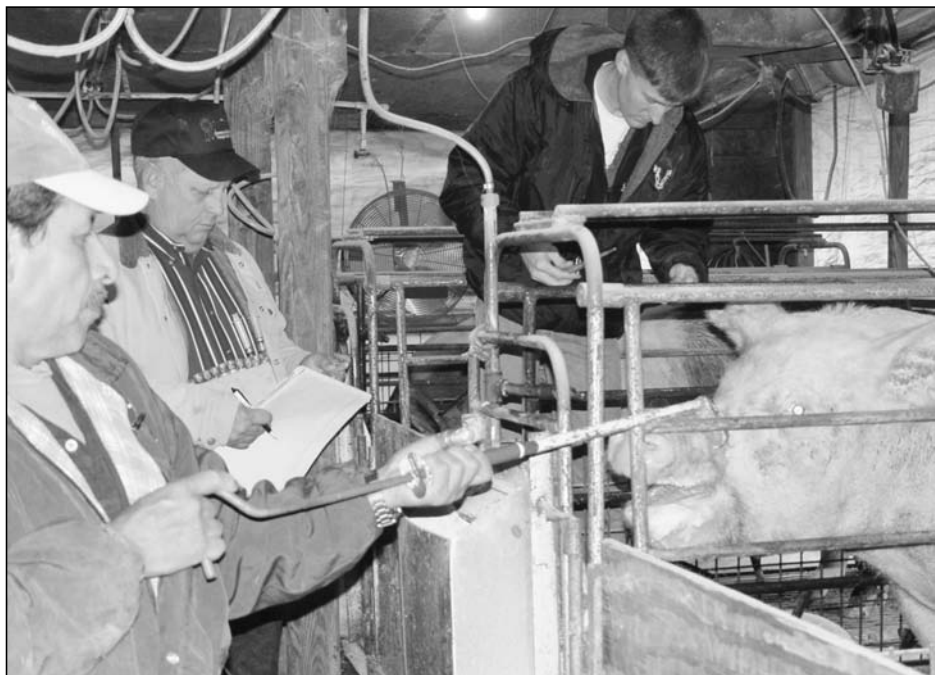
"She's an awfully good individual," he observes.

Now the R5 Pork Place has caught the eye of breeders from the big pork producing states.

Racca tells the story of R5's success as he and Lake Charles veterinarian Kevin Walker collect porcine *See Priceless porkers, page 2*

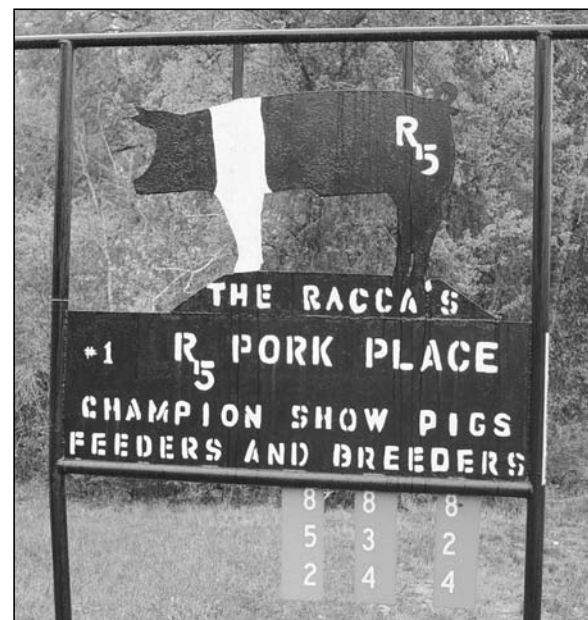


Racca's Royalty: Queen of R5



Luis Rodriguez (left) holds a sow as Butch Racca (middle) records the pig's information. Dr. Kevin Walker (right) of Lake Charles climbs into the farrowing, or birthing, pen to extract blood for routine tests.

Racca breeds his prize-winning show pigs in Calcasieu Parish near Iowa.



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blood samples for routine pseudorabies and brucellosis testing. They have started the sample collection in the farrowing barn, a special shelter where the pregnant sows give birth to 12 to 14 piglets at a time.

The little porkers scurry about as farm hand Luis Rodriguez immobilizes the mothers with a snare. Walker climbs into the pen to draw the blood. While the sow squeals at a high-decibel peak in angry protest to Rodriguez's snout harness, her alarmed babies huddle in the radiant warmth cast by an incubating 100-watt lightbulb.

Some of the nearby sows react nervously to the disturbance with excited grunting while others loll



about without a care as offspring nourish themselves from the bountiful teats. As soon as Rodriguez releases the snare the sows quiet immediately and go back to the humdrum business of eating feed and nursing their young.

After years of hard work and sacrifice Racca's show pigs are beginning to pay big dividends.

"For years and years we went out of state to buy our breeding stock," he recounts. "We selected and

bought the ones we thought would work. We put qualities together that did work, had success with them and now the big breeders want a piece of this.

"People from Oklahoma and Iowa

buy our pigs because we have the right genetic combination they're looking for to change something they have. In Louisiana you have to go for the show pig money first."

By market hog production standards, Racca's operation is small. The reason is economics.

"You can't make money with market hogs here in Louisiana because the corn and feed are too high," he says.

"The big places have several thousand sows in a location and then they put the offspring in a contracted feeding program. It's a whole different ball game.

"The only reason I've been able to stay in business is because of the success of selling the show pigs at a premium where the market hog is just a break even deal."

Veterinarian Walker has been

treating the swine herd for the last two years and says Racca is building his reputation among hog breeders.

"He's doing something right," Walker says. "He's taking pigs out of state and getting the big sales in

duction business."

But the 59-year-old swine farmer is taking another step forward and has gone online with a new \$1.5 million state-of-the-art slaughterhouse in Lacassine. Recognizing that not all pigs will become show champions, he's betting that the meat processing business will give him a chance to expand his swine herd.

"Those that aren't show pigs are eating hogs," he said without a hint of irony.

The slaughterhouse is the latest risk for R5 Pork Place, but with Queen of R5's genetics

and the hard work he's grown accustomed to in building his hog business, there's a strong possibility Racca may become the next king of the sausage industry.

After all, he built his kingdom from a little girl's desire and a gilded gilt.

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Oklahoma."

Racca says he got into the pig-breeding business because of his limited resources.

"You can do a pig operation on five acres of land," he says. "I didn't have a lot of land and it was a way to get into the livestock pro-

Big pork potential for Louisiana producers

By Sam Irwin

Louisiana is in position to lay claim to the huge Central American pork market and become a major pork production state, says



McNeese State University animal science professor Dr. Chip LeMieux.

"Mexico is the largest importer of United States pork," LeMieux says. "We are in a prime area to grab a portion of that Mexican market."

Lemieux, who is also executive secretary of the Louisiana Pork Producers Association, cited a number of reasons.

According to the Winter 2004 Pork Checkoff Report, U.S. pork exports were 32 percent higher in volume and 36 percent higher in value over the same January through September period for 2003.

—Retail pork prices were up 5.2 percent.

—Average per head profits for producers in 2004 through September were the highest since 1990.

—Pork shipments to Mexico have increased 68 percent while value has increased 91 percent.

—2004 exports will exceed 2 billion pounds on a carcass weight basis for the first time in history. This is the 13th consecutive record year of growth for U.S. pork exports.

—Other neighboring states are enacting

laws limiting expansion of pork production.

"Louisiana is in a great geographical loca-

tion to take advantage of the Mexican market," Lemieux says.

He says cheap Mississippi River barge transportation and other high-tech transportation methods could deliver Midwestern grain in bulk.

"We already have a sizable poultry industry in Louisiana. Why not pigs? Our show pig producers in the state already know how to raise exceptional pigs," LeMieux says. "But it will take an innovative and energetic producer that will be aggressive in their marketing and is willing to take a risk. "I think the opportunity

is there. Why should we let other states reap the benefit of this market?"



Racca built his prize-winning show pig business using superior semen lines that are distributed in sealed plastic tubes. Racca and grandsons David, 9, and Zachary Kershaw, 6, inspect hog carcasses in the cooler at Racca's new state-of-the-art slaughterhouse in Lacassine.

Agriculture & Forestry Today with Commissioner Bob Odom

Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry Bob Odom recently responded to a report prepared by state Office of Risk Management officials following a visit to the Lacassine sugar syrup plant site.

"We are left with an overall positive feeling about the findings and began implementing some of the recommendations immediately after the ORM visit last week," Odom said. "Now that the report is finalized, we have addressed the other findings and are complying with all issues raised in the report. Our goal has always been to provide a safe workplace for all of our employees and we're going to continue to upgrade our programs to reflect our dedication to worker safety."

Odom said the department has a comprehensive safety program that requires employees to go through quarterly safety training and to adhere

to the regulations set out in that program. ORM also performs an annual review of the department's safety program and rates it pass or fail. The department has passed every year and has implemented recommended improvements mentioned in the review.

"Our safety record is as good or better than other agencies in state government," Odom said. "Most of the injuries used in figures to inflate the scope of our safety issues are traffic accidents. That is historically where the department's worker's compensation claims come from."

"If you take the average cost of claims at Lacassine and compare it to the average cost of claims within the department outside of the Lacassine site, you'll see what I'm talking about."

The average cost of claims filed at the Lacassine site is \$2,008.47. The

claims include tetanus shots, saline solution eye washes for dust and ibuprofen for sore muscles. The average cost of claims filed in all other areas of the department, not including Lacassine, is \$14,850.07.

Odom said there have also been misleading comments made in public recently concerning the work being performed on the construction site and who is performing it.

"Many people are confusing trade specialties with unskilled manual labor jobs," Odom said. "Those who are performing jobs such as welding, pipefitting, electrical work and similar skilled trades are completely trained and certified. Some are department employees from our maintenance staff and others are outside contracted employees who do these jobs for a living. They are trained to do the jobs they are performing. They know what they are doing."

A related issue, Odom said, is the misconception that department personnel are engaged in installing large pieces of the syrup plant's equipment.

"We have contractors who are responsible for installing major operating components at the facility such as the tanks and boiler. Department personnel are not doing those jobs."

Odom said he stands by the decision to work to save taxpayers' money on the Lacassine project and other construction projects the department has undertaken during the last 20 years.

"Independent studies have proven that we can build projects for less than half the cost of bidding them out to a general contractor. Time and time again, the courts have said this is legal and we can proceed with the projects," Odom said. "We are saving taxpayers money and our experience record proves we're doing it safely."

The Lacassine sugarcane syrup plant will enable southwest Louisiana sugarcane farmers to save on the cost of transporting cane 100 miles from their farms to mills in south central Louisiana. Residents in towns and cities will have safer streets and highways because rail shipping will remove thousands of cane trucks from the roads. The Lacassine syrup plant has the potential to employ about 80 people.

Proceeds from the sale of bonds are being used by LAFA to complete the syrup mill project. LAFA will own the facility until the Lake Charles Cane Cooperative, a group of sugarcane farmers from the area, pays off the entire debt.

"I can't recall a bond issue where the whole debt has been paid back to the state," Odom said. "But these farmers, without any tax breaks, are going to pay it all off."

Did You Know:

The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry is now accredited by the USDA to certify organic producers and handlers in Louisiana for the National Organic Program.

Five organic producers in southeast Louisiana have been certified since last fall when the department received accreditation. Three other producers have submitted applications and are in the process of becoming certified organic. Private certifiers also operating under USDA accreditation have certified other producers in the state.

The five farms that were certified by LDAF grow a wide range of produce including blueberries, oranges, satsumas, lemons, figs and an assortment of vegetables.

Organic production is done without the use of synthetic pesticides and agrichemicals. Crops that are intended to be sold, labeled or represented as "organic" must be grown on land that has been clear of pesticides and chemicals for at least three years immediately preceding harvest. The land must also have distinct, defined boundaries and buffer zones to prevent the unintended application of pesticides or chemicals that are in use on adjoining land not under organic management.

Beginning in 1994, LDAF certified organic producers in Louisiana under a set of state guidelines. Several years ago the USDA introduced regulations adopting a unified set of standards for all organic producers in the nation. The national standards apply to organic producers who wish to sell their products to grocery stores and food processors, or plan to sell more than \$5,000 in organic foods annually. Under the standards, organic operations

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CATTLE

No grade sires listed in the interest of better livestock. All dairy cattle 20 mos. of age, beef cattle 24 mos. of age, or pastured or post pastured animals of any age offered for sale, except for immediate slaughter, must have valid 30-day negative brucellosis test certificate. Contact La. Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry, P.O. Box 1951, Baton Rouge, La. 70821-1951.

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Reg. Ayrshire cow, excel. udder, was reserve champ at LSU, \$850. J. Lafleur, Opelousas; (337) 543-8158.

(2) reg. Beefmaster bulls, LSU bull test, 13 mos., \$1200/1. Tom Richard, Scott; (337) 235-0764.

Reg. Simbrah bulls, breeding age, very gentle, \$1000-\$1500. Greg Lafleur, Opelousas; (337) 543-8158.

(4) reg. Angus bulls, 15 mos.-2 yrs., semen tested & health cert., \$1200/1-up. Robert Cancienne, Galliano; (985) 632-5765 or (985) 688-4764.

Reg. blk. Angus bull, 10 mos., \$650. Clinton Breland, Angie; (985) 848-9213.

Reg. blk. Angus bulls, yrlds., heavily muscled & thick, ready for light service, raised on rye grass & grain, cert. Brucellosis-free herd, \$1600/1. Larry Richard, New Iberia; (337) 365-1937.

Reg. Angus bulls, semen tested, 13-24 mos., \$1400/1-up. Ed O'Neal, DeRidder; (337) 463-3946.

Reg. Charolais bulls, \$1500/1-up. Ridley Chauvin, Raceland; (985) 537-6954 or (985) 804-2594.

Reg. red & wh. Holstein bull, born 2/10/05, sire Rich-J Telex, Red ET, \$850. Paul Alford, Kentwood; (985) 229-7105.

Pb polled Hereford bull, 2 yrs., no papers, \$1300. C. Methvien, Holden; (985) 507-5589 or (225) 567-3317.

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bulls, grandsons of HBR Program 297, excel. cond., temperament & EPDs, \$700. Joel Pigott, Pearl River; (985) 290-9722.

Reg. blk. Angus bull, fertility tested, born 11/17/01, been w/25-cow herd, no bad habits, \$1400. Jerry Trammel, Pitkin; (337) 328-8408.

Maine Anjou bull, super nice, blk. yrld., performance bred, big, stout, heavy muscled, all shots & wormed, gentle, ready to breed, \$1200. Judy Wiggins, Baton Rouge; (225) 752-0309.

Polled Hereford bulls, extra nice, performance bred, big, stout, heavy muscled, gentle yrlds., all shots & wormed, ready to breed, \$1100/1-up. Laura Hughes, Zachary; (225) 658-5348.

26 mo. virgin Beefmaster bull, Ranger's Pride, Phantom Warrior bloodline, high sheath, looks good. Kevin Comeaux, Jennings; (337) 774-3740 or (337) 329-1977.

Reg. BBU Beefmaster bulls, ready for service, Painted Tiger, Black Lazer & other top bloodlines, \$850/1-up. Gaston Gerald, Greenwell Springs; (225) 654-8816.

Reg. Angus, large selection of Southmoor bulls, 18-25 mos., semen tested & ready for service, \$1700-\$2500/1. Lamar DePhillips, Husser; (985) 748-7298 or (985) 320-0144.

(150) Brangus & Braford heifers, all shots, gentle, running w/lbw Angus bulls, will sell in groups, \$850/1-up. Bob Shoalmire, Powhatan; (318) 352-0355.

Blk. Simm. bulls, big, long, stout, thick butt, easy calving, outstanding in every way, usually add 30-40 lbs. calf to weaning wt., \$1500. Gene Strother, Amite; (985) 747-0789.

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Pb Beefmaster bulls & heifers, (10) 15 mos., \$600/1; (22) bulls, \$1000. Waldo Thibodeaux, Lafayette; (337) 235-4587 or (337) 332-3531.

Jersey & Holstein nurse cows, some w/calves, \$700/1-up. Kurt Martinez, Donaldsonville; (225) 717-4345.

Calves for sale, \$150. K.

Martinez, Donaldsonville; (225) 717-4345.

Beefmaster bull, polled Mandate son, ready for herd service, small birth weight, heavy weaning, easy keeper, vaccination program, \$2000. R. LaBorde, Hessmer; (318) 563-4566.

Reg. 5/8, 3/8 Braford bulls & heifers, champ. bloodlines, gain test leaders, weaned heifers, \$800/1-up; bred heifers, \$1200/1-up; 2 yr. bulls, \$1500/1-up. Fred Elsing, Alexandria; (318) 442-0741 or (318) 447-1145.

(6) polled Hereford heifers, 7-12 mos., wormed & vaccinated, can be reg., \$800/1-up. Laura Thompson, Zachary; (225) 658-4851.

Females, bred, open, prs. & 3/N/1's, blk. Simm., red & blk. Simbrah, cert. Brucellosis-free herd, \$1000/1-up. Louis Wittie, Hammond; (985) 345-6748.

Reg. Beefmaster bulls, open heifers, exposed heifers & prs., cert. free herd, \$700/1-up. David Domengeaux, Carencro; (337) 668-4666 or (337) 668-4461.

Reg. pb Santa Gertrudis bulls, CB Grizzly 3308 bloodline, (1) 40 mos., dehorned & 16 mos., polled, \$1500/1-up. Ignacio Valledor, Mandeville; (985) 898-0306 or (985) 630-1520.

4 yr. Beefmaster bull, good producer, calves on premises, \$850. Jestin Gill, Leesville; (337) 570-9909.

(6) reg. Angus yrld. bulls, 13-16 mos., \$1350/1-up; (1) 4 yr. Traveler Angus bull, \$2900, strong pedigrees, lbw EPDs, very thick & heavy muscled, strong milk EPDs. Sammy Broussard, New Iberia; (337) 364-7681 or (337) 519-5522.

(5) reg. Brangus bulls, blk. & gentle, w/calving easy, 12-14 mos., sire Chairbrand Ranch bull, excel. bloodlines, your choice, \$1100. Bill Clattenburg, Montpelier; (225) 223-7521.

(2) reg. Brangus bulls, 15 mos., \$1500; 11 mos., \$1000. Al Lanie, Youngsville; (337) 856-6504.

Reg. blk. Angus bull, 3 yrs., semen tested, quality birth weight calves, \$1800. Charles Methvien, Holden; (985) 507-5589 or (225) 567-3317.

(20) blk. Brangus heifers, 500-600 lbs., very gentle, \$700/1. Barry Landry, St. Martinville; (337) 519-3155.

Ayrshire milk/nurse cow, 4 yrs., very gentle, raising 3 calving now, rebred to Brahman bull, \$1000; Jersey x Holstein milk/nurse cow, 3 yrs., very gentle, raising 3 calves now, \$1000. Ben Baggett, Mittie; (337) 639-2086.

(32) Angus Brangus heifers, dewormed, Brucellosis vacc., exposed to Angus bulls, for fall calving, \$1100/1. Hubert Morris, Clinton; (225) 683-8475.

Reg. Simm. & Simbrah cattle, heifers, bulls & prs., \$750/1-up. B. G. Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

(5) reg. 1 yr. Red Angus bulls, (3) from Mr. Beef bloodlines, \$1000/1; (2) from Larson Red Sky bloodline, \$1000/1. Wil Sonnier, Lafayette; (337) 235-7932 or (337) 654-4498.

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Herd reduction, (40) Red Angus x Brahman cows, mixed ages, 4-14 yrs., most w/calves, others are bred, 50% are 8 yrs. & younger, electric wire broke, been in rotational grazing system, good disp. & producers, \$42,000/all. Stuart Gardner, Sunset; (337) 668-4255.

Reg. brown Swiss milk cow, \$1000. C. Medine, Donaldsonville; (225) 473-7241.

(5) reg. Angus heifers, 2 yrs., (2) reg. Angus cows, 3 yrs., all very gentle, bred to reg. Angus bull, on premises, calving March/April, \$9800, will separate. L. J. Duhon, Lafayette; (337) 652-6200.

(16) reg. Angus cows, 2-4 ½ yrs., bred to reg. Angus bull, start calving March/April, very gentle, \$21,2000. Larry Duhon, Lafayette; (337) 652-6200.

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AQHA 10 yr. dark chestnut broodmare, sire was superior halter/superior western pleasure, \$2000. Wanda Grass, Folsom; (985) 796-3522.

Reg. '98 Belgian mare, 17.2 hands, 2100 lbs., works, rides, bred to homozygous APHA for '05, \$3500; '02 spotted Draft filly, blk./wh. tobiano, \$1500; '04 blk. Percheron colt, \$2500; '04 blk. molly mule, \$250; '05 stud colt, ½ Belgian, ½ AQHA, will be big & stout, \$1000. Ben Baggett, Mittie; (337) 639-2086.

2002 Reg. spotted draft mare, blk./wh. tobiano, 16 hands, 1380 lbs., big & beautiful, excel. conform. & disp., have flagged trail rides on her, started on cows, \$4500. Rhonda Runge, Merryville; (337) 825-4433.

Reg. MFT geld., dark sorrel, flax mane, blaze face, gentle, halter broke, \$900. Felix Brown, Bastrop; (318) 281-9339.

AQHA reg. 3 yr. geld., blk., would make good roping, cutting or barrel horse, grandson of San

Par Bar, \$1500. Judy Knox, Lafayette; (337) 233-4366.

2004 AQHA sorrel filly, w/star, good disp., leads, loads & trims, Bugs Alive & Cactus Ben breeding, \$750 obo. Neenah Polman, Robert; (985) 969-2091.

Reg. miniature donkeys, (2) yrlg. jennys, (1) spotted, (1) gray, w/red tint, \$800/1 or \$1500/pr. others avail. Jay Sims, Oak Grove; (318) 428-2677.

2005 April foal out of AQHA Puddenhead mare & AQHA dbl. bred Peppy San Badger stud, \$800. Raymond Simmons, Albany; (225) 567-7813.

1993 AQHA geld., barrel, poles & stakes, ridden by 11 yr.-old girl, has AQHA points, very gentle, \$5000. Leigh Hughes, St. Francisville; (225) 634-5091.

AQHA yrlgs. & 2 yrs., Haidas' Little Pep & foundation breeding, some mares, \$1200/1-up. Betty Hertzog, Natchez; (318) 379-2221 or (318) 379-2482.

1993 reg. TB geld., 16.2 hands, dark bay, handsome & elegant, excel. hunter/jumper prospect, very willing & experienced in cross-country trail riding, for experienced, confident rider only, \$3500. D. Sharbaugh, Ethel; (225) 683-4919.

Reg. QH mare, 6 yrs., \$1295; sorrel mare, 13 yrs., good trail riding horses, \$1295; (3) 2 yr. sorrel fillies, \$895/1; 2 yr. Paint geld., \$850. J. L. Beasley, Baker; (225) 775-4355.

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Gentle pony mare, w/filly colt & saddle, good for beginners, \$500/all. L. W. Hutchinson, Holden; (985) 878-1866.

2003 Reg. Appendix QH geld., dark golden pal., long legs, great hip, athletic, for any discipline, halter broke & handled daily, well kept, \$1500. Suzy Miller, Breauz Bridge; (337) 332-4097.

1988 gelding, finished cutting horse, used for sorting, excel. for youth, beginners or seasoned rider, top son of Smart Little Lena, bottom by daughter of Freckles Playboy, \$6000. C. Simoneaux, Port Allen; (225) 627-4630.

2002 AQHA liver chestnut geld., top, by son of Haidas Lil Pep, bottom by daughter of Jose Uno, well started, must see, \$2500. K. Simoneaux, Port Allen; (225) 627-4630.

(2) male miniature Mediterranean donkeys, from reg. stock, 6 mos., \$350/1. Dick Allain, New Iberia; (337) 364-5155.

8 yr. AQHA sorrel geld., 15 hands, out of Eddie Bill Cody & Miss Wilda King, great trail ride horse, \$1500; reg. 4 yr. AQHA geld., great trail ride, horse, \$1500. Sarah Meche, Church Point; (337) 873-4041 or (337) 288-1859.

4 yr. female mule, \$750. S.

Meche, Church Point; (337) 873-4041 or (337) 288-1859.

(4) APHA fillies, (1) APHA colt & 3-yr. old, various colors, good bloodlines & conform., some homozygous, gentle, halter broke, \$600/1-up. Douglas Madden, Saline; (318) 576-3570.

AQHA/APHA 2 & 3 yr. gelds. & mares for sale, top bloodlines, \$800/1-up. L. Kurz, Folsom; (985) 796-0555.

Reg. AMHA miniature horses, mares, fillies & colts, current vacc., \$1000/1-up. Brenda Hebert, Covington; (985) 893-7907 or (985) 373-1393.

2003 reg. pal. colt, has a lot of size & great conform., sire is Doc Bar bred, 90% foundation, dam is a natural w/P mare Zip Is It, \$1800 obo. Jane Mae, Loranger; bestofthewest@bellsouth.net or (985) 878-4151.

4 yr. reg. red roan overo mare, dbl. bred Doc Bar & Doc Lynx, loads, leads, tie & bathes, shoes & started under saddle, very gentle, very calm, \$900 obo. Mike Vidal, Loranger; bestofthewest@bellsouth.net or (985) 878-4151.

2003 dbl. reg. golden pal. colt, has a gorgeous head & conform., 4th generation pal. on top, sire is 90% foundation bred, dam has AQHA w/P points, also a futurity winner, \$2000 obo. Jane West, Loranger; bestofthewest@bellsouth.net or (985) 878-4151.

Large selection of '05 AQHA & APHA foundation buckskins & pal., financing is avail. until weaned, come & see us & pick your next show horse, \$1000/1-up. Jane Damore, Loranger; bestofthewest@bellsouth.net or (985) 878-4151.

16 yr. mule, harness & wagon, \$800. Marion Stewart, Vidalia; (318) 336-7815.

2001 APHA solid bay mare & filly, awesome bloodlines, including Peppy San Badger, Colonel Freckles, Doc Bar, Poco Tivo, mare is gentle to handle & easy to ride, neck reins, backs up, side-passes, mare exposed back to same stallion, 3/N/1 package, \$2200/all. M. Perrin, Ponchatoula; (985) 845-2402 or (985) 969-0518.

2000 sorrel QH geld., sound, 14.2 hands, 1100 lbs., well built, pro trained, great handle, kids rode in parades & trail riding, good family horse, \$1200 obo. D. Gentile, Port Allen; (225) 328-2198 or (225) 627-9562.

Reg. Paso Fino buckskin mare, 7 yrs., nice ride, need to sell for health reasons, \$2500 obo. L. McClanahan, Columbia; (318) 649-6285.

2004 gray stallion by Right This Minnick, out of a Fancy Beck mare, excel. cow horse prospect, \$3000; '03 sorrel geld., by Right This Minnick, out of a Skipper W mare, green broke, \$2750. Anita Craig, Deville; (318) 466-3839.

2004 gray linebred Skipper W stallion by Staint Alone, out of a Skips Hostage mare, barrel prospect, \$2750; '99 sorrel geld., well broke Sugar Bars, Johnny Rebel breeding, will watch a cow, \$2750. A. K. Craig, Deville; (318) 466-3839.

July '04 reg. Appendix filly, AQHA/Thoroughbred cross, bred to be your next sport horse, cherry bay, w/2-hind socks & star, large filly, w/superb pedigree, Top Moor, Jet Deck, Easy Jet, Northern Dancer, Native Dancer, with be 16 hands, handled daily, \$2000. Cathe Charlier, Youngsville; www.patrioticpony.com or (337) 857-0297.

Reg. pb Arabians at stud, Egyptian/Spanish bloodlines, show quality, blk., 15.2 plus hands, excel. temperament, foals to show, \$750/1-up. Donavan Stoute, Opelousas; (337) 585-2642.

TWHBEA, SSHBEA, NSSHA reg. '04 fillies, blk./wh., sorrel/wh. or gray/wh., \$1200/1-up. Lois Rodrigue, Vacherie; (225) 265-4654 or (504) 289-0923.

Reg. App. yrlg. stallions, conform., athletic & color, muscular builds, \$1250/1. Clay Champagne, New Iberia; (337) 364-1398.

APHA 3 yr. bay overo geld., Poco Leo San x Dude's Little Pudden, green broke & good disp., \$1200. Morris Griffin, Raceland; (985) 537-3657.

(2) granddaughters of Little Peppy, out of top cutting bred mares, (1) is NCHA producer, Doc Bar, Freckles Playboy, Peponita bloodlines, \$1000/1 or \$1800/both. J. D. Broussard, Erath; (337) 937-6719.

Quality cutting & performance prospects, by sons of Smart Plan, Haidas Little Pep & Smart Lil Scoot, mares are Quixote, Little Peppy, Doc's Oak, Son of a Doc, Young Gun, Snack Box, Smart Lil Highbrow, Freckles, etc., some producers, \$1500/1-up. John Broussard, Erath; (337) 937-6719.

1986 Cutting geld., winner of year end championships & top 10 ACHA youth, sound & in great cond., great for youths or beginners, very cowy, \$4500. Hana Broussard, Erath; (337) 937-6719.

Reg. bay stud colt, 22 mos., sire Dusty's Cash Dam XLT Freckles, \$1100. Bryan McDaniel, Ville Platte; (337) 461-2998.

1990 AQHA mare, w/colt, Doc Bar, Doc Quixote, Puddenhead, Peponita, rebred to Mr. San Peppy, Dry Doc stallion, \$2400. Lionel Whitmore, Moreauville; (318) 985-2191.

1989 AQHA mare, w/pal. colt, Dry Doc, Puddenhead, Blondy's Dude, Wimpy, rebred to Mr. San Peppy & Dry Doc pal. stallion, \$2200. L. Whitmore, Moreauville; (318) 985-2191.

AQHA reg. QH yrlgs. & trained geld., sire Caddo Creek Quixote, '02 world champ. on stallion, very nice looking horses, \$1000-\$5000. Terry Miller, Bunkie; (318) 613-6990 or (318) 346-9280.

Reg. AMHA miniature horses, bred mares & mares w/colts at side, all colors, open transfer papers, \$800/1-up. Don Wilson, Oakdale; (318) 335-0607.

Miniature horses, reg. & non reg., colts, bred mares & mares w/colts at their side, solids, paints, all colors, \$200/1-up. D. Wilson, Oakdale; (318) 335-0607.

AQHA working bred, 2 yr. olds & yrlgs., (3) 2 yr. old colts, (2) pal. (1) sorrel, (4) yrlg. & 2 yr. old fillies, (2) wean. colts, (1) buckskin,

(1) sorrel, Puddenhead, Peppy San Badger & Black JB Cody breeding, all have had 1 mo. of natural horsemanship training, \$1000-\$2250/1. Stuart Gardner, Sunset; (337) 668-4255.

19 yr. roping horse, for beginner, also 12 yr. barrel & pole horse, for youth, \$2000 & \$4000 respectively. Robert Pearce, Bell City; (337) 598-3289.

5 Yr. bay AQHA geld., started on calf roping, good heading horse prospect or all around ranch horse, 15.1 hands, 1100 lbs., \$2500. Ryan Primeaux, Erath; (337) 937-9983 or (337) 892-1204.

2002 reg. QH mare, 14.2 hands, light bay, very friendly, Skipper W & Puddenhead bloodlines, green broke, \$1500. Curtis Buford, Franklin; (337) 923-0116.

(3) Thoroughbreds, La. bred, 2 yrs., Seattle Slew bloodline, broke to ride, ready for trainer, \$2500/1 obo. James Stacy, Natchitoches; (318) 352-3692.

12 yr. bay mule, 16.2 hands, pulls & rides, very gentle, \$1500 or trade for QH paint mare. F. Henry, Sunset; (337) 684-6493.

Thoroughbred mare, 2000 lbs., 15.3 hands, winner at Delta Downs, granddaughter of Caracolero, winner of the French Dirby, \$1000 obo. Larry Guidry, Jennings; (337) 496-7705 or (337) 531-0505.

AQHA 4 yr. sorrel geld., dupliete Jet, Zevi & Bar Money bred, trained for barrels, 15 hands, super gentle, \$4000; AQHA 4 yr. blk. Perkmaster/Dash for Perks filly, jet blk., very gentle, well patterned, on barrels, 14.3 hands, very stocky, \$5000. Patricia Tausin, Denham Springs; (225) 664-7382.

Wanted: miniature horses, reg. or non-reg., mostly mares & colts, 1-25 head. Don Wilson, Oakdale; (318) 335-0607.

STALLION SERVICE

AQHA buttermilk buckskin, Mr. Yellowstone, Lightning Bar Jr., Dixie's Buck bred, 80% color producer, super quiet disp., see him work cows every Monday at Kinder Livestock, \$400/\$8 wet mare care, \$6 dry. Ben Baggett, Mittie; (337) 639-2086.

AQHA/NFQHA grallo stallion, King, Hard Twist, Black Burn & Yellow Jacket bred, \$400/\$5 pasture mare care, \$8 stall care. Pam Higgenbotham, Loranger; bestofthewest@bellsouth.net or (985) 878-4151.

AQHA pal. stallion Sport Model breeding, PHBA point earner producer, puts a lot of muscle on his colts, \$450/\$5 pasture mare care, \$8 day stall mare care. Anthony Vidal, Loranger; (985) 878-4151.

TWHBEA, SSHBEA, NSSHA, RHBEA reg., 16 hand blk./wh. tobiano stallion, \$250/\$5 mare care. Lois Rodrigue, Vacherie; (225) 265-4654 or (504) 289-0923.

AQHA golden pal., working cow horse, Skipper W bloodline, 15.2 hands, color producer, \$300/\$4 mare care. Terry Miller,

Bunkie; (318) 613-6990 or (318) 346-9280.

Reg. App., tri-colored leopard, own son of national champ. & gold medallion winner Skip Go Grand, colts on site, \$200/\$4 mare care. D. Gaspard, Maurice; (337) 334-8780.

(2) miniature ponies for stud service, (1) 36" tall, red & wh. paint, (1) 38" tall, red, both very gentle, \$100. Thomas Harrison, Thibodaux; (985) 448-2349.

AQHA ranch cow work/arena-roping/speed event sires, Bob Bar Bay, 15.2 hands, AQHA point earner at Ft. Worth & Houston in team roping, big stout, lightning fast, pretty head, great disp., by Lightning Parr Barr, Hero Pudden, by Little Solitario, out of Puddenhead daughter, \$395/\$4.5 dry, \$6.5 wet mare care. Stuart Gardner, Sunset; (337) 668-4255.

2001 AQHA dark bay stallion, Doc O'Lena, Vegas Model & dbl. bred Peppy San Badger on papers, great disp., well built, \$250/\$3 mare care. R. Simmons, Albany; (225) 567-7813.

AQHA gray stallion, by Mr. Eye Opener, out of champ. producing Special Effort mare, ¾ brother to All American champ. Eyesa Special, \$600/\$10. Kerry Vallet, Maringouin; (225) 625-3239.

AQHA bay roan, Handcock Driftwood bred stud, 16 hands, 1400 lbs., good bone, throws mostly roans, colts to show, \$400/\$2 mare care. Will Dayton, Jena; (318) 992-6962.

AQHA King bred, gray stuck, throws mostly grays & roans, colts to show, \$400/\$2 mare care. Alan Dayton, Jena; (318) 992-6962.

Blk. Mamouth jack, 15.2 hands, very gentle, \$200; red Mamouth Jack, 14.2 hands, \$150. C. J. Guidry, Rayne; (337) 280-5117.

APHA 3 yr. Mighty Awesome son, sorrel overo, out of Coosa AQHA daughter w/30 plus AQHA points, 15.2 hands, great muscle, conform., color & disp., Mighty Awesome, is 4x APHA champ. Little Cody Sunshine, AQHA pal., working/speed sire, \$395/\$4.5 dry, \$6.5 wet mare care. Francine Gardner, Sunset; (337) 668-4255.

Straight Egyptians at stud, Norus son, IBN Moniet, Farazdac, Tuhotmos, Imperial Imdal grandson, \$750, introductory offer, limited breeding. Jeff Dupre, Washington; (337) 585-2642.

Shining Sneakers, AQHA open superior reining, circuit championships, incentive fund, NRHA money earner, son of Shining Spark, \$600/\$6 pasture mare care, \$9 stall mare care. Cheryl Borer, Walker; (225) 667-7415, www.bor-quarterhorses.com or bor-quarterhorses@aol.com.

APHA #606757 Investors Delta sorrel/wh., 15.2 hands, world champ. reining top side, all around world champ. bottom side, excel. conform. & temperament, live color foal guarantee, \$350/\$5 mare care. Jim Carte, Parks; (337) 845-5122 or (337) 278-4684.

Blk. & wh. App., Cooterville Echohawk, Geronimo, Wapiti, Mansfield Comanche, Puddenhead, King P-234, \$200/\$3 mare care. Hermina Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

AQHA pal., Doc Bar, Peppy San, Puddenhead, Barpass Myers, King P-234, \$350/\$3 mare care. Earlin Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

AQHA golden pal. stallion, Peppy's Boy 895, Peppy San Badger on top, Maxi Lena, Doc O'Lena on bottom, \$400. Romy Morvant, Thibodaux; (985) 446-0708.

Duns-100% color producer, Doc's Hickory, Peppy San, Doc O'Lena, beautiful, intelligent, trainable disp., don't breed before you look at this one, \$400/\$4 mare care. Jeffrey Brassette, Ville Platte; (337) 461-2674 or (337) 224-7983.

3rd breeding season, 100% color producer, Sonita's Last, Doc O'Lena, Doc Hickory, very intelligent, good conform., great disp., he is a must see, babies to look at, \$400/\$5 mare care. J. Brassette, Ville Platte; (337) 461-2674 or (337) 224-7983.

Haidas Royal son, beautiful, powerful & cowy, by Haidas Little Pep, by producing daughter Son of a Doc, will produce cutting, roping, working etc., \$600/\$5 mare care. Asa Broussard, Erath; (337) 937-6719.

Smart Plan Peppy, smart, balanced & athletic, good-looking son of Smart Plan, by producing daughter of Little Peppy, his foals are outstanding, \$500/\$5 mare care. John Broussard, Erath; (337) 937-6719.

Colonel's Lil Scoot, outstanding son of Smart Lil Scoot, by top 10 NCHA producing daughter Colonel Freckles, smart & cowy, the real deal, \$750/\$5 mare care. David Broussard, Erath; (337) 937-6719.

AQHA chestnut stallion, Eatn Outa Acres, bloodlines of Doc's Hickory, Bob Acre Doc, Poco Bueno, all cutting bloodlines, his 2-yr. olds are just starting out, he is quick & very athletic, cutting, reining & working cows, \$450. Joe Reed, Westlake; (337) 912-1742 or (337) 491-0922.

AQHA '02 red roan, CM Bronsin, sire PC Bronsin, 2x world champ. roping & performance versatility, dam Freckles Playboy mare, \$500. A. Williams, Sulphur; (337) 558-6946.

1999 AQHA bay stallion, son of Peptoboonsmal, NCHA & ACHA money earner, dam daughter of Shorty Lena money earner, \$750. R. Williams, Sulphur; (337) 588-6946 or (337) 912-1742.

AQHA bay stallion, son of Doc's Stylish Oak, dam Freckles Playmate, NCHGA money earner & producer of Smart Mate, \$750. J. Reed, Westlake; (337) 912-1742 or (337) 491-0922.

Reg. blk. TW stallion, Shades of Carbon bloodline, 15 hands, beautiful & great disp., \$300/\$5 mare care. John Duplechin, Opelousas; (337) 543-8578.

Reg. pal. TW stallion, Pride's Genius & Pride of Midnight bloodline, 16 hands, gentle & great disp., \$300/\$5 mare care. Cody Darbonne, Opelousas; (337) 543-8578.

Beautiful reg. blk./wh. tobiano TW stallion, homozygous from both sire & dam, guaranteed paint,

15.1 hands, excel. conform. & disp., \$300/\$5 mare care. Jim Briley, Opelousas; (337) 543-8578.

Reg. chestnut & wh. tobiano, homozygous TW stallion, by Battle Colors & Paints Moon Mon, 15.3 hands, guaranteed paint, beautiful, great disp., \$300/\$5 mare care. Melissa Briley, Opelousas; (337) 543-8578.

AQHA son of Smart Lil Ricochet, dam has \$28,000 in NCHA earnings & produced '04 Augusta futurity champ., special consideration for proven mares, \$400/\$7 mare care. John Swope, Georgetown; (318) 827-5404.

AQHA perlino stallion, homozygous for the dilute gene, guaranteed pal. or buckskin, out of your sorrel & bay mares, foundation bloodlines, \$500/\$5 pasture mare care, \$8 day stall mare care. Jane Vidal, Loranger; bestofthewest@bellsouth.net or (985) 878-4151.

1995 APHA blk. & wh. tobiano, pro trained for Western Pleasure, gorgeous head, w/outstanding dips., \$300/\$5 pasture mare care, \$8 day stall mare care. Jane West, Loranger; (985) 878-4151.

AQHA pal. stallion, over 90% foundation, Doc Bar King bred, produces a lot of size on his babies, \$400/\$5 pasture mare care, \$8 day stall mare care. Mike Vidal, Loranger; bestofthewest@bellsouth.net or (985) 878-4151.

AQHA beautiful bay stallion great conform., 90% foundation bred, Doc Bar & King breeding, Blondy's Dude, \$400/\$5 pasture mare care, \$8 day stall mare care. Jane Mae, Loranger; bestofthewest@bellsouth.net or (985) 878-4151.

SHEEP & GOATS

Katahdin sheep, ewes, w/(1) lamb, \$125; ewes w/twins, \$150. Curley Romero, Youngsville; (337) 856-5189.

Wh. hair sheep, lambs, Texas dahl, \$40; bred ewes, \$90; young goats, ½ Boer, \$40. Grover O'Banion, Ponchatoula; (504) 812-0019.

Percentage Boer nannies, bred to fb Boer billy, \$65/1-up. Earl Jones, Slaughter; (225) 654-2417.

Show quality wethers, dehorned & shots, Toledo Bend Boer goats, \$100/1. J. Wade, Many; jwade@cp-tel.net or (318) 256-2764.

(26) Short haired sheep, Katahdin & Barbado cross, \$1200/all or sell separate. Buford Landreneau, Washington; (337) 363-8095.

ABGA reg. (2) 94% yrlg. Boer does, \$125/1; (2) 50%, \$75/1, all born in March '04, Dennis Hernandez, Sulphur; (337) 583-2543.

(3) NDGA males, (2) 2 mos., (1) 1 yr., blk. & wh. bucks, \$100-\$150/1. J. Knight, Angie; (985) 848-8149.

Katahdin, reg. fb ram lambs, breeding stock only, born Feb., pick-up 6/15/05, blood typed Codon 171 RR, \$700; QR, \$500; QQ, \$375, call after 8 p.m. Mark Dennis, New

Iberia; (337) 364-0422.

Katahdin sheep, pb 2 yr. male & females, \$100/1. J. Gautreaux, Abbeville; (337) 255-1531.

2003 Reg. Lamancha buck, excel. milking & show bloodlines, \$200; cute bottle babies, for pets, off mama, \$50/1. Wanda Barras, St. Martinville; (337) 519-0130.

Mixed breed goats, does & bucks, 10 mos. & older, \$50/1; baby goats, males & females, great pets, \$50/1; Nigerian dwarf nannies, \$75/1. Ronnie Saccaro, Baton Rouge; (225) 261-6097 or (225) 261-3832.

Boer goats, breeding age males, \$100/1-up; nannies, open, bred, some w/kids, \$125/1-up. R. LaBorde, Hessmer; (318) 563-4566.

ABGA reg. fb & percentage Boar goats, will be ready April/May, \$250/1-up, 4-H wethers for state fair, traditional & colored; \$150/1-up. Curtis or Chasity Buford, Franklin; (337) 923-0116.

Reg. USBGA Boer goats, fb nanny, \$200; billies, \$150-\$200/1. Bob Lailheugue, Holden; (225) 294-3451.

Pygmy goats, (1) 11-wk. old buck, tan, \$50. Vincent Losavio, Torbert; (225) 625-4439.

NDGA blue-eyed young nannies, \$250/1-up; young billies, \$150. Cynthia Britton, Zachary; www.dachshundfarms.com, (225) 658-9293 or (225) 939-5391.

Wanted: good goats, 2-4 yrs., male & female, bred, will trade. Wayne Ward, Saline; (318) 576-9958.

Wanted: reg. Nubian yrlgs., buck & does. Dale Domec, Carencro; (337) 896-3696.

Wanted: reg. young Nubian does. Jestin Gill, Leesville; (337) 570-9909.

LIVESTOCK DOGS

Reg. Australian shepherds, blk. & wh., red & wh., males, shots & wormed, born 1/21/05, \$250. Karen Forbes, Independence; (985) 878-3397.

Pb Von Halen wh. German shepherd pups, (3) females, \$500/1. Tyrone Dubroc, Jackson; (225) 658-9771 or (225) 654-4077.

Reg. OMCBA pups, (1) male, (1) female, born 12/26/04, brindle, w/wh. trim, \$175/1. Tommy Myers, Goldonna; (318) 727-9325.

NKC reg. Ladner blk. mouth cur, (2) female brood pups, born 9/27/04, bred to tree first, cow, hog or great family dog, \$150/1. James Soileau, Ville Platte; (337) 363-1490.

Fb blk. mouth cur, (1) male, (1) female, 2 ½ mos., out of the Ladner stock, both are yellow w/blk. muzzles, squirrel, coon or stock dogs, beautiful pups, \$150/1 or \$250/both. Billy Coker, Stonewall; (318) 925-1571.

Cattle dogs pups, born 1/29/05, sire Ridgeback, dam yellow blk. mouth cur, both are bay dogs, all (7) males are buckskin color, big bone, medium ears, \$150/1. T. J. Kreamer, Houma; (985) 873-9755.

Cattle dogs, these dogs stop, down & listen to commands, (1) female border collie, trained, 4

ysr., \$350; (1) female ½ cur-pit crossed, 2 yrs., \$250. T. Kreamer, Houma; (985) 873-9755.

AKC reg. bloodhound, red male, 4 yrs., \$350. Charles Smith, Denham Springs; (225) 445-4930 or (225) 664-5321.

(4) 1 yr. blk. mouth cur dogs, w/4 tiger stripes, started baying cattle, \$600/pr. Glen Leger, Opelousas; (337) 948-3344 or (337) 945-5158.

Reg. female border collie, Imp. bloodline, trained sheep dog, has been trialed in past, safe to breed, will demonstrate working, great w/kids, \$100. C. Laborde, Marksville; (318) 253-4464.

AKC Airedale pups, wormed & shots, male & female, tails & dew claws clipped, shots & wormed, very pretty pups, \$600. Clair Parrish, Zachary; (225) 658-6562.

CKC Jack Russell pups, (2) females, (2) males, wh. & tri-colored, parent on premises, \$300/1. Darrell Saucier, Ville Platte; (337) 363-7279.

Jack Russels, on the bayou, great hunters & pets, \$350. Brad Mire, Crowley; (337) 788-1783.

CKC Great Pyrenees pups, born 2/6/05, great working dogs & great pets, parents on premises, females, \$200; males, \$250; ½ Catahoula Leopard cur pups & ½ Feist, great cow dogs & great squirrel dogs, \$35. Cindy Smith, Bogalusa; (985) 735-9571.

CKC reg. Jack Russell pups, \$200. Sarah Meche, Church Point; (337) 873-4041.

Great Pyrenees pups, will be ready to go around April 20, being raised w/goats, \$150. Curtis Buford, Franklin; (985) 397-0551.

Reg. AKC Weimaraner pup, silver male on premises, tails cut & wormed, \$350. Dolphy Alleman, Scott; (337) 873-8388.

Jack Russel pups, born 3/1/05, both parents tree dogs, \$150/1. Dick Dickerson, Vinton; (337) 589-2603.

Jack russell terrier pups, smooth coat, short legged, make wonderful pets, stud service avail., \$350; miniature dachshund pups, chocolate/tan, long hair & short hair, stud service avail., \$400/1-up. Cynthia Britton, Zachary; www.dachshundfarms.com, (225) 658-9293 or (225) 939-5391.

SWINE

Now accepting nonrefundable deposits, on potbellied piglets, due soon, \$25 deposit. Cynthia Britton, Zachary; www.dachshundfarms.com, (225) 658-9293 or (225) 939-5391.

Farrowing cage, \$150. James Dufresne, Vacherie; (225) 265-2690.

Feeder/weanling pigs, weaning to 200 lbs., corn fed, on concrete, \$45/1-up. J. B. Richard, Scott; (337) 269-1755.

Reg. Duroc gilt, 8 mos., \$250. Keli Hayden, Holden; (225) 567-3661.

Farrowing crates, w/grating, \$100/1; stainless steel feeders, \$125/1; on part, mix mill, \$5000; nursery pens, \$100. Q. McConnell, St. Joseph; (318) 766-4534.

PIGEONS

White-tail pigeons, \$5/1 or \$4/1 of 10 or more purchased. Stanley Messer, St. Landry; (318) 838-2273.

Homing pigeons, \$8/1 or \$20/pr. Steve Dalton, Morganza; (225) 694-3318.

Utility kings, not mated, \$3/1 in lots of (10). Lloyd Menard, Eunice; (337) 457-3959.

Huble pigeons, blk. & wh., \$7/1. J. L. Saucier, Church Point; (337) 684-6788.

DOMESTIC BIRDS & EQUIPMENT

(10) Bird cages, some for finches, some for parrots, (1) is 4'x8'x5 1/2', on legs, some are commercial made, some are made w/1/2" welded wire, rodent & snake proof on the big cages, \$12-\$100/1. F. Chatelain, Loranger; (985) 748-3424.

Rare Leadbeater cockatoo, male super tame, 1 1/2 yrs., gorgeous cond., \$3500; eclectus vosmire male, 5 yrs., feathers picked, super tame, \$499. Leanna Meaux, New Orleans; (504) 283-8105.

Lovebirds, yellow, blue & green, w/peach face, \$50/1. Albert Veillon, Mamou; (337) 468-3677.

Indian ringneck parakeet, (1) dark factor female, '04 hatch, \$800 or. Anna Hudson, Abbeville; (337) 892-9819.

Sun conures, bonded pr., DNA sexed, \$600/pr.; red rump parakeet male, \$50; parakeets, \$8/1; cockatiels, \$30/1-up. Don Leche, Metairie; (504) 889-1784.

Yellow-crown Amazon hen, mature, \$600; blue-front hen, 3 yrs., \$700; white-front Amazon pr., 1 yr., \$800; bronze-winged pionus, (2) males, (3) hens, \$450/1. Ric Flowers, Vivian; (318) 375-4557.

Canaries, from award winning line, Gloster, \$60/1; opal, \$601; bronze, \$65/1; red factor, \$65/1. Carlos Ambrogio, Houma; (985) 868-3648.

(4) 3-section breeder cages, on legs, different sizes, \$110/all, a total of (12) cages. E. Cenac, Houma; (985) 853-2328.

Diamond doves, \$20/1; parakeets, \$10/1; lovebirds, \$25/1; cockatiels, \$35/1. Aaron Fuselier, Mamou; (337) 457-5667.

Misc. cages, feeders, waterers & misc. bird raising equip., \$2-\$40; (3) poultry pens, joined together, approx. 50' wide & 20' deep, 6' tall, made of treated wood & 1" poultry wire, to be torn down & moved, Free. Bernard Darbonne, Pollock; (318) 765-9415.

Established breeding colony of (28) fancy cockatiels, not old bred out birds, includes wh.-face & splits, \$25/1 for entire colony. Wanda Barras, St. Martinville; (337) 394-6683 or (337) 519-0130.

All birds surgically sexed, males & breeders, sun conures, \$225; Quakers, \$85 cash only. M. L. Duckett, Metairie; (504) 887-8887.

Breeder prs., DYH Amazons, citron cockatoos, umbrella cockatoos, \$1000-\$2000; cages & nest

boxes, Humidaire incubator, \$750. Stephen Gauthier, Watson; (225) 664-3315.

50 or more baby keats, fancy colors, some tri-color, bring your cage, \$5/1, no less than 12 at \$5/1, cash only. Joseph Hains, Jr., New Orleans; (504) 241-6245.

Proven umbrella male, \$700 or trade a proven male gray; (1) prs. dusky conures, \$400/1 or trade for (1) proven Jenday. Charles Legaux, Edgard; (985) 497-3264.

Parrots, breeder prs., orange wings, \$350/pr.; Mexican red-heads, \$575/pr.; breeder yellow nape Amazon male, 7 yrs., \$550. R. LoBell, Prairieville; (225) 715-9218.

Orange-face lovebirds, lutinos, olive, cinn. normals split to lutino, \$25-\$50/1; breeder age prs. in other colors, \$50-\$100; violets, lutinos & others, \$100/4. Dale Landry, Paincourtville; (985) 369-6952.

Cockatiels, hf & breeder age, grays, pieds, pearls, cinns., lutinos, albinos, wh. faces & most combinations, all seamless banded, certificates included, \$30/1-up. Samantha Ivy, Morgan City; (985) 631-3498.

Finches, societies & English zebra, blk. face, blk. breasted & other zebra mutations, \$6/1-up. T. Perez, Cut Off; tbirds@mobiletel.com or (985) 665-3902.

Wanted: peacocks. Mike Stone, Covington; (985) 502-3557.

Wanted: Congo African gray, w/nice cage, must be very tame & have good vocabulary, also a proven pr. of blue parrotlets. Johnny McMorris, Ponchatoula; (985) 386-8855.

POULTRY, FOWL & EGGS

(10) Bird cages, some for finches, some for parrots, (1) is 4'x8'x5 1/2', on legs, some are commercial made, some are made w/1/2" welded wire, rodent & snake proof on the big cages, \$12-\$100. F. Chatelain, Loranger; (985) 748-3424.

Buttonquail, \$5/1; male buttonquail, \$2/1. Aaron Fuselier, Mamou; (337) 457-5667.

Pullets, brown egg layers. Floyd Cook, St. Amant; (225) 675-2674 or (225) 622-6188.

Mallard ducks, eggs, babies & mallard flyers, 50¢-\$10/1. J. Young, Zachary; www.y-farms.com or (225) 445-5012.

Baby chicks, \$1.5/1; ducks, \$4/1; sultans, \$8/1; cages/kennels, \$20-\$50/1. Gladys Oestricher, Lacombe; (985) 882-7598.

Laying bantams, hens, \$7/1; roosters, \$6/1; mated pr. leghorns, \$15; barred rock rooster, \$7/1. Dale Sellars, Livonia; (225) 573-8443.

(35) Pharaoh quails, newly hatched to grown, \$1.5/1; eggs, 15¢/1; live, \$18/doz.; dressed, \$28/doz. Yvette Derouen, Welsh; (337) 734-2345 or (337) 884-2380.

White doves, breeding prs., \$15/pr.; young, \$7/1; ringnecks, \$6/1; 1 yr. pied peacock, \$50/1. Mark Lumetta, Amite; (985) 748-6257.

Chicks, Rhode Island reds, buff Orpington cross, large breed, large

brown eggs, \$2/1-up. Roy Jennings, West Monroe; (318) 355-3765 or (318) 396-5996.

Young chicks, pure & mix breeds, \$1-\$5/1; fertilized eggs for hatching, \$3-\$10/doz. Todd Lafleur, Zachary; (225) 261-0847.

Jumbo pharaoh quail, dressed, \$25/doz.; wk. old chicks, \$75/100; day old chicks, \$40/100; hatching eggs, \$20/100; pickling eggs, \$10/100. D. Comeaux, Abbeville; (337) 893-4194 or (337) 658-9744.

Fresh yard eggs, \$1.25/doz.; jumbo pharaoh quail eggs, \$30/100, quail by order. D. Hutchinson, Springfield; (225) 294-4325.

Large & small incubators, factory built & some homemade, brooders, large & small, treated lumber & coated wire. A. Sevin, Sr., Houma; (985) 873-5746.

Bobwhite quail eggs, Georgia giant bobwhite eggs, \$35/100. P. Mire, Crowley; (337) 783-6635.

Ringneck pheasants, chicks, \$1.25-\$3/1. Darrell Arabie, Duson; (337) 849-3718.

Bobwhites, \$3/1; flight cond. mallard ducks, \$2-\$7.5/1, depending on amount purchased; ringneck pheasants, \$8/1. Geraldine Janise, Church Point; (337) 684-6871.

Tom turkeys, 1 yr., 25-30 lbs., \$25/1. Joe Giacone, Hammond; (985) 345-5049.

Baby chicks, buff Orpington or blk. Australorps, \$1/1 plus 25¢ each additional week of age, laying hens, \$6/1. James Stewart, Walker; (225) 664-8201.

Bantams, rooster, all color, large rooster, all colors, \$5/1-up. Nelson Landry, New Iberia; (337) 365-4538.

Pharaoh quails, golden Manchurian & wh., newly hatched to grown, 35¢-\$1.5/1; eggs, 15¢/1; live, \$18/doz.; dressed, \$28/doz.; Muscovy ducks, \$7/1; button quail eggs, 15¢/1 H. Ardoin, Ville Platte; (337) 363-7176 or (337) 360-2896.

Cinn. queen roosters, \$5/1. C. Sibley, Livingston; (225) 686-2304.

Wanted: pb rose comb blk. bantams, reasonably priced, within 60 miles. Bernard Olivier, Crowley; (337) 581-1599.

Wanted: chickens, ducks, guinea, geese, bantams, turkeys, 1/2 grown or full grown & healthy, within 50 miles from Rayne. Wilbur Leger, Rayne; (337) 334-4949.

Wanted: dbl. yolk chicken eggs, will buy fair quantity. Leo Lyncker, Kenner; (504) 712-0948.

Wanted: good 8 mo. African geese, mallard ducks, peacocks, Rhode Island reds, barred rocks, buff orpingtons, blk. Australorps, turkens chickens, broad breasted bronze turkeys, purple pearl guinea, will trade. Wayne Ward, Saline; (318) 576-9958.

Wanted: small dark Cornish hens & rooster or eggs for hatching, within 25 miles of Cankton. Betty Savoie, Cankton; (337) 668-4144.

RABBITS & EQUIPMENT

Large breed rabbits, all ages, \$6/1-up. Dale Falcon, Prairieville; (225) 673-4833.

5 wk. mini rex bunnies, tri-color & castor, \$10/1; NZ & Calif. crosses, all ages, some proven does, \$8-\$30/1. Sarah Carpenter, Abita Springs; (985) 875-9416.

Dutch, all colors, Netherland dwarfs, mini rex, all colors, NZ, Calif., blue chin, Fleming cross, check, \$10/1-up. Nelson Landry, New Iberia; (337) 365-4538.

NZW, NZR, MS, Calif. & San Juan, various ages, \$6/1-up. Gerald or Caroline Porche, Port Allen; (225) 241-1361 or (225) 603-9740.

NZW, Dutch, mini rex, excel. breeding stock, \$7/1-up. D. Hutchinson, Springfield; (225) 294-4325.

Mini lops, selling out, breeders, (5) does, (3) bucks, not over 2 yrs., solid colors, \$10/1 or \$50/all. Mickey Willoughby, Keithville; (318) 933-0887.

NZW, Calif. breeding does & buck, \$25/1-up; young fryers, dressed, \$6/1, others avail. Stephen Dalton, Morganza; (225) 694-3318.

Wanted: NZ, Calif. & mixed breeds, 8 lbs. & up. Wade Rodi, Braithwaite; (504) 432-2170.

DEER & EXOTICS

5 yr. whitetail buck, 8 pt. as 4 yr., gross score 130, \$9000. Wade Sullivan, Castor; (318) 544-2855.

Water buffalo, \$500/1-up. Herbert LeJeune, Oakdale; (337) 639-2953.

Fallow, blk. buck, big wh. tails & others, \$400/1-up. Jeff Swank, Delhi; (318) 878-4375 or (850) 519-1129.

AQUACULTURE & EQUIPMENT

(300) used crawfish traps, \$3/1. Gary Richard, Rayne; (337) 334-5569.

New 7'x9' skimmer nets, w/alum. frames, \$850. Gerald Gary, Hathaway; (337) 824-8739.

Crawfish boat, 13 hp, Honda, w/2-sack culling box, \$2500. Gerald Gary, Hathaway; (337) 824-8739.

Blue Catfish, 25¢/1; channel catfish, 20¢/1; bluegill, 20¢/1; hybrid bluegill, 25¢/1; Chiquapin, 25¢/1; blk. crappie, 30¢/1; bass, 50¢/1-up; koi, 50¢/1-up, del. avail. David Lowe, Minden; (318) 377-1525.

2000 model 25 hp Kohler go devil, excel. shape, \$1600; '83 model 50 hp Mercury, runs but needs little work, \$350. Raymond Melancon, St. Martinville; (337) 394-5878 or (337) 519-6378.

FARM SERVICES

Custom hay baling, sq. & rd. bales, call for prices, references avail. Chad Lasseigne, Port Allen; chadlasseigne@hotmail.com, (225) 413-9138.

Bush hogging, disking, grading,

leveling, filling, hauling, flower beds etc., whatever you need in Hammond, Amite or Folsom area. Lee Cook, Husser; (985) 748-7043.

Wild hog removal, 7 days a week, between 6 a.m. & 9 p.m. Charlie Canizaro, Ponchatoula; (985) 320-4267.

Dog training, obedience, gun dog & hunt tests. Ben Young, Zachary; www.y-farms.com or (225) 445-5012.

Sarina Scott, qualified equine appraiser #03779, American Society of Equine Appraisers. Sarina Scott, Bourg; sarinascott0923@hotmail.com or (985) 665-0464.

Custom grazing, your cattle on our ranch, 17 yrs. experience w/custom grazing, brood cows, \$16/mo. & up, stocker heifers or steers, (350-575 lb.) gain basis at 42¢/lb., customized arrangements avail, 20 head min. Stuart Gardner, Sunset; (337) 668-4255.

Dirt work, dozer excavator w/thumb, bobcat, dump trucks, ponds, levees, land clearing & demolition. James Bourgeois, Raceland; (985) 537-3750.

Land clearing, ponds, dirt work, stump removal, rake work on clearing, house pads, forestry construction, 450-B Case dozer, \$65/hr., plus hauling, \$3.85/mile, on 580-D Case backhoe, \$65/hr. plus hauling, \$3.85/mile. Wayne Ward, Saline; (318) 576-9958.

Land clearing, dirt work, ponds, house pads, forestry construction. J. Nelson, Ashland; (318) 544-9090.

Wanted: worker needed near Zachary, must have transportation, work will include fence work, cleaning stalls, assisting w/animal management, pay depending on experience. Cynthia Britton, Zachary; www.dachshundfarms.com, (225) 658-9293 or (225) 939-5391.

Wanted: someone to straighten my barn. John Rich, Maurice; (337) 893-4944.

RURAL PROPERTIES

Must offer ten (10) or more adjoining acres of land located in Louisiana. Farmland ads MUST include accompaniments (house, barn, hay field, garden, and what the land is best suited for). Proof of ownership may be required. All ads MUST be accompanied by the following owner-signed statement: "This property is personally owned by me and is not offered for sale by a licensed real estate dealer, broker or salesman."

Washington Parish, 20 acres, open pastureland, on paved road, 9 miles north of Franklinton, \$6000/acre, will divide. Gladys Oestricher, Lacombe; (985) 882-7598.

Washington Parish, 136-acre cattle ranch, rolling land, 3 ponds, 2 barns, steel corrals, \$2400/acre, adjacent home & equip. shed on 10 acres also for sale. Charles Hincks, Franklinton; (985) 848-5716.

Wanted: to lease or purchase 200 acres or more for cattle. Bob Shoalmire, Powhatan; (318) 352-0355.

SEEDS, FLOWERS & ORNAMENTALS

Birdhouse & dipper gourd, cushaw green stripe, 30-seed packet, \$1.5/pkt. James Robin, Sr., 4017 Hwy. 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

2004 Hot Peter pepper seeds, 50-seed pkt., \$1/pkt., w/SASE. Cleveland Guidry, 918 E. Ash. St., Crowley, LA 70526; (337) 783-2042.

Pine straw, machine baled premium quality mulch, clean, \$4/bale, at barn. Bruce Wallis, New Orleans; (504) 483-7775.

Pink crinum & lily of the Nile bulbs, \$5/1; red spider lily, \$15/25; white spider lily, \$18/12; candlestick, Job's tear, Texas star, large pink hibiscus, \$1.5/pkt., w/SASE. Morris Collura, 3237 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles, LA 70601; (337) 478-7075.

Common daylilies, monkey grass, var. liriopse, bulb or plant, 25¢/1; hybrid daylilies, bulb/plant, \$1/1; (15) large antique roses, you dig, \$10/1; pink/purple verberna, \$2/per clump, many others. Don Byrd, Baton Rouge; (225) 753-1503.

Beauregard sweet potato plants, \$30/1000. Brown McLemore, Gilbert; (318) 435-6833.

Wanted: tuberose, "polianthes tuberosa," bulbs, also dolphium seeds, any color or mixture. Doris Gordon, Ponchatoula; (985) 370-0740.

TREES & FRUITING VINES

12' palm tree, you dig, \$50/1; 20' palm tree, you dig, \$100/1. Don Byrd, Baton Rouge; (225) 753-1503.

Bush fancy red cherry, bundle, \$20/12, plus \$3 postage; china rice plant, \$6/1; yellow/pink trumpet bush, \$8/1; loquat, \$5/1-up; wh. & yellow peach, \$5-\$10/1. Morris Collura, 3237 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles, LA 70601; (337) 478-7075.

Southern magnolias, \$5-\$15/1; Celeste fig & brown turkey fig, \$8/1; Japanese plum, \$5/1; jelly palms, \$8-\$12/1 by size; large Japanese yew bushes, \$5-\$15 by size, dwarf pomegranate, 3-gal., \$10/1. James Stelly, Eunice; (337) 457-4528.

Fig trees, 2 yrs., 2-gal., \$9.50/1; 10 varieties, SASE for list; Elliott pecan, 3', 6-gal., grafted, \$25 at place. Betty Robin, 4017 Hwy 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

Magnolia, large. wh. flowers, loquat, Japanese plum, 7-gal., \$15/1; Brison blackberry at place, \$4/1. J. Robin, 4017 Hwy 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

Tomato plants, BHN 640 & stiletto bell pepper, 4" pot, \$1.5, at place. James Robin, 4017 Hwy 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

Cypress trees, 5'-7' tall, \$11/1; less than 5' tall, \$9/1. D. Bordelon, Ponchatoula; (985) 345-4280.

Live oak, 3-gal., 5', \$7/1-up; ¾"-

1" diameter, 7', \$15/1-up; 1"-1 ½" diameter, 9', \$45/1-up; 1 ½"-2 ½" diameter, 12', \$75/1-up, volume discounts. Billy Hebert, Maurice; (337) 277-7015.

All kinds of trees, bushes, shrubs & flowering plants, old fashioned rose bushes, many plants blooming now, all are in pots \$1-\$10/1, send SASE for list & prices. Lee Cook, 56463 Hwy. 445, Husser, LA 70442; (985) 748-7043.

Mayhaw, 3-gal., \$9/1; fig, peach, pear, plum, apple, 5-7 gal., \$12.5/1; bald cypress, river birch, nuttall oak, sawtooth oak, Compton Oak, red maple, Shumard oak, 3-gal., \$7.5/1. Glenn or Angela Austin, Winnfield; (318) 628-6150.

3-gal. nursery pots, \$30/1000. James Dufresne, Vacherie; (225) 265-2690.

FERTILIZER

Rabbit manure, you dig, haul, etc., truckloads to give away, free. Stephen Dalton, Morganza; (225) 694-3318.

Organic rabbit fertilizer, the best for flower & garden, doesn't smell, won't burn plants, \$2.5/bag. Dale Falcon, Prairieville; (225) 673-4833.

HAY & GRAIN

4x5 rd. hay, \$15-\$20/1. Perry Murray, Marion; (318) 292-4458.

5x5 rd. rolls of Russell Bermuda grass & rolls of Alicia Bermuda grass, \$15/1. Douglas Madden, Saline; (318) 576-3570.

First cutting 5/16/05, on Alicia/Bahia/Coastal/Tifton44/Johnson grass hay, 4x5 rd. bales, behind baler, \$15/1; off field, \$20/1; delivery to location, \$25/1. Wayne Ward, Saline; (318) 576-9958 or (318) 471-9272.

2004 Ryegrass, sq. bales, \$3/1; Bahia grass, \$4/1. Delos Thompson, Jr., Folsom; (985) 796-9872.

Alfalfa hay, heavy square bales, top quality, fine stem, \$10/1; rd. bales fert. Bahia hay, outside, del. avail., \$30/1. J. Pieri, Folsom; (985) 796-9538 or (504) 628-5361.

Mixed hay, sq. bales, \$3/1, discounts on 100+ bales. Thomas Moon, Elm Grove; (318) 987-3707.

2003 Alicia Bahia, 4x5 rd. bales, in barn, \$30/1; cattle mixed grass, \$15/1. Brandy Cella, Bush; (985) 892-0240.

2004 Alicia Bahia hay, sq. bales, in barn, \$2.5/1. Allen Dugas, Tickfaw; (985) 542-0252.

2004 Alicia 4x5 rd. bales, well fert., \$25/1 or \$22.5/1 if 10 or more purchased; sq. bales, in barn, \$3/1. Earl Davis, Minden; (318) 377-3832.

Horse quality Alicia Bermuda sq. bales, heavy bales, cured w/o rain, \$3.5-\$4/1. Alden Doucet, Washington; (337) 826-7134 or (337) 280-3954.

Fert. Bahia, Alicia 4x5 rd. bales, cond., cut & cured, \$15/1, discount on 20 or more bales. C.M. Duplechian, Jennings; (337) 824-2989.

TRACTORS & EQUIPMENT

JD 1020 diesel trac., 40 hp, 2-wheel drive, w/positive traction, power steering, front loader, w/bucket, good tires, clean, good trac., \$5500. Earl Morgan, Natchitoches; (318) 352-8512.

Detroit 453 diesel power unit, like new cond., on skid, large, new radiator, twin disc, spicer clutch, auto shut off, sensor switch, \$6500. R. Martel, Eunice; (337) 457-5182 or (337) 658-6459.

16' wide Grijmm hay fluffer, pull-type, \$750; JD pull-type fertilizer spreader, \$100. Justin Morris, Lafayette; (337) 981-9653 or (337) 277-0945.

1999 Class baler, Rollant 66, baled approx. 1000 bales, \$10,000; Class cutter, w/conditioner, 4 yrs., \$6500. C. M. Duplechian, Jennings; (337) 824-2989.

7' Woods bush hog, w/3 pt. hookup, drag type, \$1200; 13' bush hog brand cutter, model 160, \$3000; Case 580 CK Backhoe, \$8000; 4 cyl. Perkins diesel engine, w/hyd. pump, \$2000. Freddie Rick, Kentwood; (985) 229-2279.

Kelly-Ryan feed mixer wagon, w/scales, good cond., shed kept, mixes approx. 2.5 tons, \$4500. Kenneth Moore, Pitkin; (318) 358-3203.

3 pt. 8-wheel "V" rake, \$500; MF sq. baler, model 12, \$600; (2) Cole planters, fit on 2" toolbar, w/fert. hoppers, (5) seed plates each, \$150/1. Gary Burks, Starks; (337) 743-5487.

5-bar, 10' hay rake, 3 pt. hitch, \$750; 9' hay tedder, 3 pt. hitch, \$950; 6' bush hog, 3 pt. hitch, \$300. Harold Laborde, Marksville; (318) 253-8252.

Bermuda King sprig harvester, \$6800; Cub Int. mower, 44" cut, \$1400; Lowes 18/44" mower, \$900; Mold Poison's killer, \$1200; Maxim chain drive special tiller, \$450; tiller row maker, \$65; Pasture Dream planter, \$6500; front-end loader hay fork, \$395; seat & frame, \$337; Stephens air planter, \$4850; 6-row cult., \$500. W. Ward, Saline; (318) 576-9958.

JD 920 rigid header, good shape, \$2500; JD rd. baler, field ready, \$3500; 4-wheel 230 Melrose spray coupe, 60' hyd. booms & foam markers, \$3500; 21' Brillion cultipacker, all new bearings, field ready, \$4500. Patrick Klein, Loranger; (985) 748-8143.

4020 JD trac., very good cond., w/quick hitch, dual rear hyd. S.C.V, new main hyd. pump, \$8500. Neil Speyrer, Plaquemine; (318) 359-9392.

IH 706, LPG, wide front end, needs work, 6-row cult., rolling cult., crop maker, JD 7100 planters, w/monitors, all for \$3500/all. Percell Green, Rayville; (318) 728-6966.

JD 4640 c/a, p/s, q/h, (2) 150-gal. poly tanks, hyd. pump & racks, \$14,000; 450 bu Caldwell grain cart, \$1000; 100 bu. Rayne Plane grain cart, \$400; Int. 854 corn head, 5-row, \$1000; JD 6-row 7100 plateless planters, w/finger pickups, insecticide boxes & row clean-

ers, \$1500. Dale Moreau, Port Barre; (225) 673-9797.

JD 4840, power shift, mounted chemical spray tanks, c/h/a, dual 20.8 rear tires, ready to work, \$14,000 obo; JD 9910 cotton picker parts, any or all, \$2000 or will take 8' or 10' pasture clipper in trade. Judy Green, Rayville; (318) 728-6966.

(2) Wisconsin hay baling engines, \$80/1; Onan engine, \$75; 4' grader blade, \$200; 300 IH trac., \$800; dirt scoop, \$130. Ben Brown, Basile; (337) 432-5870.

IH 1460 combine, w/IH 820 flex header, \$7500; (8) JD V-wing attachments, for vacuum planters, \$100/1; 1-set for Magnum trac., \$800; 1-set 200-gal. tanks & racks for JD, \$500. Derek Dauzat, Marksville; (318) 359-2800.

Minneapolis-Moline U302 Super, w/Moline loader, 55 hp, 3 pt. & PTO, \$8750; Jetstar 3, 45 hp, 3 pt. & PTO, \$7500, both fully restored, ready to work. M. Nunez, Baton Rouge; (225) 892-5938.

Vermeer 625 chipper, w/auto feed, \$3500; loftness hyd. forestry shredder, \$4200; Deere 370 flail mower, \$1975. James Bourgeois, Raceland; (985) 537-3750.

JD 535 rd. baler, 5x6 bales, fully auto, w/bale monitor, shedded, excel. cond., \$13,000. Carroll Trahan, Lafayette; (337) 984-6267.

1978 MF 25 hp, gas, new clutch, needs rear tires, \$3800. Lowell Roger, Covington; (985) 630-1504.

Int. 140, w/middle buster & row builder, front cult. & tiller, \$3000. Jerry Knight, Raceland; (985) 537-6615.

Minneapolis-Moline trac. model G1000, \$4000; 6' pull-type bush hog, \$600. F. Rick, Kentwood; (985) 229-2279.

(2) 29 x 12.00-15 on universal rims, for front, \$200/all or trade. Alice Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240.

Like new FX20 Yanmar trac., w/new front-end loader, power shift, 3 cyl., 27 hp, 52.5 hrs., \$7000. Dickie Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240.

JD 4440 cab/air trac., w/Bush Hog brand 3450 QT front-end loader, \$14,000; JD 4230 4-post canopy, w/JD front-end loader, \$9000. Carlton Wagner, Tickfaw; (985) 345-3656.

MM G-1350, 140 hp, 3 pt. hitch, dual tires, LPG, \$4000; Case stationary engine, 50 hp, LPG, 540 PTO, \$1500. John Boudreaux, Abbeville; (337) 893-6743.

3000 Ford trac., diesel, p/s, good cond., very reliable, \$5000. Travis Hall, Jonesboro; (318) 259-7463.

MX6 JD mower, 2 yrs., excel. cond., cost \$2100 new, sell for \$1200; ATH-90 Bush Hog finishing mower, 7.5' cut, kept inside, \$1500. Alvin Auzenne, Jr., Opelousas; (337) 543-8483 or (337) 308-0641.

1995 Vermeer rd. baler 504, 4x5 bales, clean, \$8000. Glen Bruce, Reeves; (337) 666-2239.

5' Woods belly mower, to fit Farmall Super "A" trac., belt & attachments included, \$300 firm. C. J. Laborde, Loranger; (985) 878-9826.

966 Int., new mower, \$6800; Int. 1086, cab, air, loader, \$14,500, will

take smaller trac. on trade; 270 ES Hitachi trackhoe, 60K lbs., \$250,000 new, excel. shape, \$68,000. W. A. Lucky, III, Bossier City; (318) 549-0271.

JD 750 w/finishing mower, \$6850. T. L. Warner, Bossier City; (318) 453-7688.

2590 Case trac., w/EZ-on 5000 lb. front-end loader, w/8' bucket, needs trans. work, \$7500. Anthony Bourgeois, Church Point; (337) 684-5403 or (337) 684-5665.

Used 8N Ford hyd. pump, \$350; trans. assembly, \$600; new fenders, \$65; cyl. head, \$75; 190XT diesel head, \$200. James Degeyter, Arnaudville; (337) 754-7682.

530 Case trac., 42 hp, new engine, "All American Iron" well maintained, high rubber cleats, drives like a car, new seat, \$3800. Tony Rougeau, Eunice; (337) 580-2539 or (337) 457-8856.

855 NH rd. baler, makes 6x6 bales, perfect cond., \$7500. Walt McCann, Baton Rouge; (225) 751-9131.

3'x7' drag harrow, built on 2 7/8" pipe frame, on 3 pt. hitch, 5" teeth on bottom, good for pens, arenas & dirt work, \$250. Larry Duhon, Lafayette; (337) 652-6200.

(2) 4-row JD, 3-blade pickup disc, \$800; 4-row granular insecticide applicator, 3 pt. transport wheels, new, \$450. Ricky Juneau, Hesser; (318) 563-8478.

1010 JD gas engine, \$1800 firm. Ernest Albert, Milton; (337) 856-5726.

1998 Cat 307 4200 hrs., 1600 lbs., \$18,500; '96 JD 5300, 2200 hrs., 6' bush hog, \$9500. Larry Prestenbach, Houma; (985) 868-9019.

1070 Case, power shift out, a lot of good parts, \$1000. Herman Reed, Jennings; (337) 824-9854.

JD 750 grinder, mixer in good shape, \$2250. C. J. Castille, St. Martinville; (337) 845-4423.

W & A 8-row hipper, w/Orthman row markers, \$2600; Taylorway 8-row cult., w/fenders, \$1500; Bridger planter, 8-row, w/row markers, \$1200. Bobby Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

8-row 7300 JD vacuum planter, fully loaded, \$8000; 4840 JD trac. duals, tanks & pump, \$14,000; (2) sets Amco hipers, 8-row, \$1000/1. Roy Quirk, Bunkie; (318) 346-7535.

JD 216 flex header, \$500. Carrol Lavergne, Opelousas; (337) 942-7238.

5' bush hog, recently rebuilt & newly painted, great cond., \$400. Charles Simoneaux, Port Allen; (225) 627-4630.

1175 Case, good tires, 122 hp, rebuilt engine 2 yrs. ago, not power shift, \$5500. Donald Meaux, Gueydan; (337) 536-6639.

Rhino FM-15 Magnum, 15' batwing mower, good cond., \$4000. Joe Musick, Boyce; (337) 224-2346 or (318) 447-2141.

Kioti 45 hp trac., 182 hrs., 1470 front-end loader, KB 1550 backhoe & 3 pt. hitch toolbars, \$2100/all. L. Savoy, St. Amant; (225) 715-0389.

NH 638 4x4 baler, baled 900 bales, \$10,000; Kuhn 700 GMDII cutter, \$4500; NH 256 side del. rake, \$600; JD 721 hay wagon, \$1300, all shed kept & excel. cond., must sell. Mark Vining, Amite; (985) 748-8524.

6' finishing mower, Land Pride, Patriot series, excel. cond., \$1200 cash. Edward McCalf, Jr., Folsom; (985) 796-0340.

15' Tandem disc, \$1200. Perry Murray, Marion; (318) 292-4458.

Gehl CB 800 silage hayledge chopper, 1000 rpm, elec. spout, 7' hayledge header, 2-row corn header, good cond., \$5000. Tim Gautreau, New Iberia; (337) 365-7007.

Kuhn fluffer, 17'6", \$1500. Trey Hughes, Albany; (225) 567-3493.

(2) used trac. tires, mounted, 16.9-28, on 15" rim, 6-ply rating 14-28 fits Minneapolis-Moline Jetstar 3 super, both for \$200 cash. Boots Guillot, Lacombe; (985) 882-7101.

12' Rhino TW 144 bush hog, heavy-duty, perfect cond., 3 pt. hitch, \$3500. Roy Marcantel, Kinder; (337) 738-2647 or (337) 370-6375.

JD 4840 trac., '82 model, \$17,500; '83 model, \$15,500; JD 7700 trac., '96 model, 4 wd, \$48,000. Chad Helminger, Mansura; (318) 964-2380.

Large oat crimper, \$995; large roll mill, \$995; new Farm Trax FT 704 trac., \$16,000; heavy-duty sub soiler, pulled by dozer w/winch, \$850. J. L. Beasley, Baker; (225) 775-4355.

Ford 5000 diesel trac., w/loader, 8 spd., 66 PTO hp, \$790; Int. 574 diesel trac., w/loader, 52 PTO hp, 8 spds., \$6900; Ford 2600 diesel trac., canopy, 8 spds., 32 PTO hp, \$4900. J. Guillot, Hessmer; (318) 563-4776.

Woods RM550 grooming mower, 5', was shed kept, \$1200. Y. Bacque, New Iberia; (337) 229-8264.

Canopy for 4610 Ford trac., \$200. Buford Landreneau, Washington; (337) 363-8095.

7710 Ford trac., cab, \$12,000; 5400 Heston baler, 4x4, \$4000; 10' NH fluffer, 3 pt., \$2200. Daniel Gaspard, Maurice; (337) 334-8780.

Front-loader bucket, shop built, heavy duty, \$250; Vicon hay rake, 3 pt., 4 wheel, \$250. J. L. Burks, Starks; (337) 743-5487.

Farmall high-clearance trac., has good tires, runs well, fast hitch in rear w/front hydraulics, \$2500. Jerry Hopkins, Bogalusa; (985) 516-2162.

706 Farmall trac., butane burner, good tires, starts good, 7' bush hog, \$3500 obo. Jimmy Christmas, Bastrop; (318) 282-5555.

140 Farmall 1-row trac., w/cult., \$3500; add planter & fert. distributor, \$4000. Johnny Smith, Saline; (318) 576-3549.

IH cub belly mower, new deck, good cond., \$450. Kent Wall, Robeline; (318) 472-3405.

75-barrel Roanoke rice cart, hyd., \$2000; 2640 JD, \$10,000. T. Mier, Gueydan; (337) 536-9988.

6' offset disc, w/3 pt. hookup, \$600; yellow & wh. cub trac., w/choice of belly mower or plow arms, \$1500; yellow & wh. cub trac., w/choice of belly mower or plow arms, \$2100. Skeet Cooper, Jena; (318) 992-2206.

IH 386, 8-row planter, w/row markers, bean & milo sprockets, field ready, \$500; (2) IH pulv. discs, 12' wide, \$275/1. David Charrier, Monterey; (318) 386-7238 or (318) 452-3343.

NH 850 rd. baler, makes large bales, \$2150. Paul Whilite, Downsville; (318) 982-5217.

Farmall cub trac., w/disc, middle buster, front & rear cultivators, \$2000. J. T. Mayes, Georgetown; (318) 827-5177.

273 White flex-wing disc, 21', ready to work, 1 1/2" shafts on blades, \$3000. Randy Stutes, Rayne; (337) 334-5922.

JD 4320, 110 hp, good cond., \$8000; Int. 806, 80 hp, good cond., \$5500. Jim Hebert, Eunice; (337) 432-5104 or (337) 302-3685.

2-row hipers, \$175; 2-row cult., \$125; 2-row planters, like new, \$250; 7' sickle mower, \$75, all on 3 pt. hitch. Gerald Saucier, Plaquemine; (318) 922-3138.

JD 925 flex header, good cond., new full fingered auger, comes w/trailer, \$10,000. N. Descant, Cottonport; (318) 447-3212.

7020 Allis Chalmers, 130 hp, 540 & 1000 PTO, good field cond., used on ranch for shredding, \$4100. Stuart Gardner, Sunset; (337) 668-4255.

Various sizes of fuel tanks, from 250 to 10,000 gal. capacity. T. Devillier, Eunice; (337) 546-0255 or (800) 273-7834.

Red Farmall cub, fresh overhaul, new paint, battery starter, all front & rear cult. tools, \$1500 cash; 5' used bush hog, \$250. Jay Calk, Jr., Jena; jaycalk@yahoo.com or (318) 992-0496.

566 JD hay baler, \$14,500; JD hay baler, \$1800. Ernest Spears, Kentwood; (985) 229-8430.

Allis Chalmers CA trac., w/tools, good cond., small trac., \$3000. C. Medine, Donaldsonville; (225) 473-7241.

Bionic type grader blades, new 5', \$575; 6', \$660; 7', \$784, 7' commercial, \$1250. Mike Passman, Amite; (985) 748-5094.

8N Ford trac., side distributor, good cond., \$2000 or trade for horse or cattle trailer, in good cond. Keith Ganey, Trout; (318) 419-2879 or (318) 992-4245.

Case 580 D backhoe, new brakes, new shettle trans., (2) backhoe buckets, runs good, \$13,000. Billy Cook, Prairieville; (225) 622-1138.

JLG 33' manlift, mounted on trailer, value-bank, in bucket, powered by trac. hydraulics, \$2850. Daniel Romero, New Iberia; (337) 380-3795.

Ford 3000, 42 hp trac., good running, dependable diesel trac., \$4200. L. Melancon, Breaux Bridge; (337) 845-4761.

2004 MF 1835 sq. baler, w/towing package, baled less than 800 bales, \$15,000 nego. Thomas Moon, Elm Grove; (318) 987-3707.

2000 Hay cutter, only used 4 times, heavy duty 616 NH, \$5000. T. Gordy, Leander; (337) 238-0516.

D6E straight dirt blade, w/push arms & hyd. tilt, w/fit D6 or D7 Cat dozer, \$3000. R. Price, Denham Springs; (225) 664-4232.

Concrete levee packer, hyd. lift, \$800; row-markers, for 7320 planter, \$750; 8-row fertilizer rig, w/1000-gal. tank, tag-a-long, \$3000; 1000-gal. water trailer, w/Honda motor, \$2000. Russell Stacy, Natchitoches; (318) 352-3849.

JD 960 24' field cult., \$2800; JD 4-row floating pickup disc,

w/jumbo Gandy chemical boxes, used 1 yr., all bearings & blades, new, \$3500. Jay Helminger, Mansura; (318) 964-2189.

JD 6 bottom-turning plow, \$1200; Allis Chalmers, 21' disc, \$600; JD 4420 combine, w/216 flex head, \$4500; IH 480 disc, great cond., \$1200; JD 4-row 7100 plateless planters, \$1200. J. Helminger, Mansura; (318) 964-2189.

(2) 600-bushel grain tanks, w/unloading augers, \$1200; 500-gal. skid mounted fuel tank, \$300. G. Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

30' JD 7100 narrow row hdy. fold planters, \$4000; 50' spray boom, w/tank, \$1000; 2594 Case Int., \$10,000; 7720 JD combine, \$8000; 485 Int. disc, hyd. fold, \$2500; 500 Int., new land disc, \$1500; Wilson grain trailer, \$1500. Wayne Lemoine, Simmesport; (318) 941-5111.

7' Rhino pasture clipper, model TW84, good working cond., \$750 firm. Elwood McGee, Church Point; (337) 364-0626.

Int. 140 w/tools, \$3500; 1-row riding digger, \$4800; potato crates, 75¢/1; 4-row A&W hipper, chisel plow fork lift, 3 pt. hitch, 2-row potato planter, Super A trac., w/tools, \$3200. Daniel LaGarde, Mansura; (318) 964-2902.

Farmall cub, (1) \$2200, (1) \$2500; turning plow, \$75; slip, \$150; disc, \$100; sickle mower, \$50; blade, \$150 cult., \$125. Bob Benefield, Mansfield; (318) 697-6201.

Ford 4 cyl. Jubilee, \$1000. B. Barattini, Metairie; (504) 885-8000.

545 Ford backhoe, needs clutch, \$4500; 850 Case dozer., in good shape, \$25,500. D. Patrick, Oberlin; (337) 639-2646 or (337) 224-1715.

Komatsu dozer D20 A dozer, 6-way 7' blade, \$9500; Ford 3000, factory p/s & 40 PTO hp, w/8 spds., Ford 3930, w/canopy, 8 spds., shuttle 45 PTO hp, late model, low hrs., \$10,900. D. Barrere, Bordelonville; (318) 997-2581.

Wanted: small mini excavator, equal to PC 50 or PC 60. R. Price, Denham Springs; (225) 664-4232.

Wanted: roto tiller, 3 pt. hitch, 3.5' or 5' tilling width, good working cond., reasonably priced, within 100 miles of Covington. Chris Martin, Covington; (985) 809-0718.

Wanted: Farmall IH 300, 350, 400, 450 hi-crop tracs., dead or alive, also HV & MV, running or not, JD 4020 & JD G hi-crop. John Savoy, St. Amant; (225) 675-8737.

Wanted: 40-60 hp diesel trac., used for pasture, preferably 30" rear tires. Harwell Herrin, Galliano; (985) 632-2410.

Wanted: JD 5520 trac., w/loader, 4 wd, shuttle, low hrs. Philip Patrick, McComb, MS; (601) 684-6566 or (601) 551-6369.

Wanted: 5' or 6' disc for 3 pt. hookup. C. J. Champagne, New Iberia; (337) 364-1398.

Wanted: hyd. pump for Allis Chalmers 220 Land Handler. Duane Duplessis, Geismar; (225) 673-5761.

Wanted: 1-row pull-type corn picker, pea & bean picker for trac. Ted Harrison, Newton, TX; (409) 379-4646.

Wanted: 8' hyd. rear blade, front pallet forks to fit JD 542 loader. Alvin Auzenne, Jr., Opelousas; (337) 543-8483 or

(337) 308-0641.

Wanted: Kubota diesel ZTR mower, w/Kohler engine, must be in excel. cond. Howard Doucet, Iota; (337) 824-3852.

FARM TRUCKS & RELATED PARTS

Front-bumper for Ford 3000, \$35; Chevy muffler, \$55. W. Ward, Saline; (318) 576-9958.

18-wheeler Int., w/Tulsa winch for lowboy, \$5000. Wayne Lemoine, Simmesport; (318) 240-4013.

6-yard dump truck, been parked, needs work, \$800 firm. N. Menard, Youngsville; (337) 856-8044.

2002 Sierra GMC, V8, auto, towing, extra leaf in spring, 255 x 70-16 tires, 53,000 miles, bed liner & rails, \$11,900. Martin Bailey, Ville Platte; (337) 599-2865 or (337) 360-6075.

1978 GMAC C-60 bobtail truck, \$2800; '75 GMAC C-65 bobtail truck, \$3500; '75 GMAC C-65 single axle trailer truck, \$4000; '75 GMAC C-65 single axle trailer truck, \$2800; '92 Peterbilt day cab truck, \$17,500. Chad Helminger, Mansura; (318) 964-2380.

Steel truck body 8'x22", w/steel roller on back, \$1000; steel body 94"x15", \$500. Freddie Rick, Kentwood; (985) 229-2279.

Int. 1982 semi-truck, Cummings 300, 10 spd., wet kit, under 220,000 miles, used mostly to haul sugarcane, \$5800. James Bourgeois, Raceland; (985) 537-3750.

(4) 2003 Chevy Silverado truck tires & rims, w/6-holes, Goodyear P245/75 R16 tires, in good shape, \$300. Dickie Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240.

2002 Suburban, Regency, 30K miles, \$28,500. W. A. Luck, III, Bossier City; (318) 549-0271.

1989 Volvo-GMC, L10 Cummins engine, 9 spd. trans., tandem screw differentials, 90% rubber, W.B. tight & in good shape, \$5800. Paul Willhite, Downsville; (318) 982-5217.

1989 Ford Ranger 2.9 V6 rebuilt, motor, very low miles, \$1000. J. Gautreaux, Abbeville; (337) 255-1531.

1997 Ford F-350 crew cab, 4x4, 8' bed, single rear tire, 351 gas engine, auto trans., 86,500 miles, gooseneck hitch, elec. brakes, \$12,000. Bobby Fanguy, Broussard; (337) 364-9956.

(3) Dump trucks, w/14-15 tandem beds, well maintained, ready to work, '89 Mack, \$15,500; '90 Int., \$15,500; '95 Chevy, \$17,500. John Fell, Scott; (337) 873-6870.

1979 Ford F-250, 4x4, needs overhaul, \$750; 110-gal. "L" shaped fuel tank, \$125. Jay Calk, Jr., Jena; (318) 992-0496.

1976 Chevy 1-ton van, \$200; '78 Dodge 1-ton van, \$600; '82 Ford 1-ton van differential, \$150; '00 Tacoma, 19,000 miles, \$9500. Ben Brown, Basile; (337) 432-5870.

2000 Ford F-250 XLT, V8, 7.3 liter, turbo diesel, 6-spd. super cab, short bed, a/c, all power, tilt, cruise, towing pkg., 45,500 miles,

\$18,500. Cord Emsminger, DeRidder; (337) 463-8696.

2001 Dodge dual wheel, custom flat bed, 140,000 miles, 4x4 SLT, great shape, \$17,000; 16x6 neck over catch trailer, single axle, like new, '04 model, \$5500. Ryan Greene, Kaplan; (337) 643-7233 or (337) 522-2867.

1973 C60 Chevrolet bobtail, 366 industrial engine, 17' steel bed, 2 spd, rear end, \$1200; '86 GMC bobtail, 427 engine, 20' steel bed, 2 spd. rear end, air brakes, \$3800. Jay Helminger, Mansura; (318) 964-2189.

'93 Dodge 3/4-ton diesel pickup, \$3900. Jerry Hardey, Westlake; (337) 882-0415.

1976 Chevrolet truck, w/18'x8'x4' gooseneck hyd. dump grain trailer, \$9000. G. Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

Wanted: '48-'58 Dodge power wagon. S. Poole, DeRidder; (337) 462-0946.

TRAILERS, WAGONS & EQUIPMENT

Wilson grain trailer, \$1500. Wayne Lemoine, Simmesport; (318) 941-5111.

29' Gooseneck trailer, \$2000. T. Mier, Gueydan; (337) 536-9988.

26' tandem dual, dovetail, ramps, very nice, \$2900. T. L. Warner, Bossier City; (318) 453-7688.

1988 48' Refer, road ready, good tires, good tight refrigeration unit, \$5800. Paul Wilhite, Downsville; (318) 982-5217.

1974 40' Fruehauf alum. flatbed trailer, \$1500; '50 32' Lufkin flatbed trailer, \$1200; '79 38' Dorsey alum. grain trailer, w/tarp, \$6500; '73 38' Timpte alum. grain trailer, w/tarp, \$5000; '74 40' Lufkin steel trailer, \$5000. Chad Helminger, Mansura; (318) 964-2380.

6-horse side-by-side horse trailer, w/partitioned feed doors, 5th wheel hookup, alum. sides, wood interior, \$800. Karen Mixon, Baton Rouge; (225) 261-3367.

2004 18x102x5' dovetail, heavy-duty trailer, brakes on every axle, gooseneck, \$5000. D. Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240.

(2) Buggies, (1) buck board, good cond., \$1000-\$1400; 3 sets of harnesses. Jerry Hardey, Westlake; (337) 882-0415.

1978 Winnebago, 45K, new holding tanks & commode, lots of storage, all new engine parts, Onan generator, new air shocks, excel. cond., must sell, \$3500. Patricia Swido, Marksville; (318) 447-1842.

1984 Hillsboro, 20'x7' goose-neck livestock trailer, alum. body, steel frame, 8000 lb. axles, 10-ply Michelin radial tires, new lights, \$2500. Ricky Juneau, Hessmer; (318) 563-8478.

Ponderosa trailers, 16'x6'6"x6 bumper pull, \$3588; 16'x6'6"x6 gooseneck, \$4388; 2-horse bumper pull, 10'x6'6"x6, \$3488. Celia Juneau, Hessmer; (318) 563-8478.

2-Horse bottom grain trailers, '82 40' Wilson steel hopper bottom & '73 Core alum. hopper bottom, \$3500/both. Tim Gautreau, New Iberia; (337) 365-7007.

30' Hunters special camper trailer, bedroom, bathroom, small kitchen, living area, \$2500. Dale Purvis, Ponchatoula; (985) 386-8779.

1991 Eager Beaver dual tandem equip. trailer, 25,000 lb. GVW tag-a-long, very good cond., \$7800. Philip Monteleone, Hammond; (985) 345-8845.

28' dovetail bumper pull trailer, for backhoe or dozer, \$950. Dickie Patrick, Oberlin; (337) 639-2646 or (337) 224-1715.

6'x14' single axle trailer, pipe railing, 4' folding tailgate ramp, mounted spare tire, hand winch, 3500 lb. axle, all lights, like new, \$850. Percell Green, Jr., Rayville; (318) 728-6966.

Class C camper special, sleeps 6, runs great, newly remodeled, very low miles, lots of fun, \$3500 nego. Randall Romero, Abbeville; (337) 898-5890.

Trailer for storage, 8'x30', w/2 doors, \$1000. Freddie Rick, Kentwood; (985) 229-2279.

1987 gooseneck horse trailer, w/7' shop built living quarters, 6' wide, 12' cargo area, \$6000. James Reppond, Keatchie; (318) 858-3501.

1999 Cherokee 3-horse slant, alum., gooseneck, ramp, drop down windows, new kick wall & floor, mats, excel. cond., \$9000; consider 2-horse bumper-pull partial payment. Frank Morton, DeRidder; (337) 463-4932.

1995 gooseneck horse/wagon trailer, 24'x6'8", front 9' enclosed, w/carry 3-horses, w/cabinets & bed in nose, back open for wagon/vehicle, back/side entry, elec. winch, \$5000. G. Wimberly, Walker; (225) 664-7372.

Hale metal 2-horse, straight load bumper trailer, 7' height, w/tack under manger, sand blasted & primed, w/brown paint, kept under roof, \$1500. Yvette Bacque, New Iberia; (337) 229-8264.

(2) Horse-drawn passenger wagons, w/top & bench down on each side, carries 20-25, \$2500-\$3500. Gary Wimberly, Walker; (225) 664-7372.

(35) Cotton trailers, 8'-10' wide, 24'-40' long, for hay trailers or storing crawfish traps, good to excel. cond., del. avail., \$500-\$1450. T. L. Enright, Sr., Sicily Island; (318) 389-5395.

Wanted: 6'x12' dump trailer. Ted Harrison, Newton, TX; (409) 379-4646.

FARM & LIVESTOCK SUPPLIES

Bathroom sink, \$35; (2) gas edgers, \$65/1. W. Ward, Saline; (318) 576-9958.

1000-gal. nurse tank, w/trailer, \$1000. Roy Quirk, Bunkie; (318) 346-7535.

Heavy-duty, shop built head catch & squeeze chute, portable, \$750. Perry Murray, Marion; (318) 292-4458.

125 kw generator, Cummins engine, single phase, but can be wired for three phase, as is, \$4000. Douglas Madden, Saline; (318) 576-3570.

18" Courbette saddle, all-purpose dressage, like new, deep seat, sells for \$1250, will take \$499. Leanna Meaux, New Orleans; (504) 283-8105.

Troy Bilt 8 hp Kohler engine, elec. start, in very good cond., \$1200 cash only; Craftsman riding mower, w/15 hp Kohler engine, 6 forward, 42" cut, \$600. Riley Plauche, Cottonport; (318) 922-3653.

17" Saddle, like new, used twice, paid \$550, asking \$350; 16" saddle, nice, needs no repairs, ready for work, \$350. Herman Lejeune, Branch; (337) 788-1220.

Oster elec. commercial pipe threader & cutter, in good cond., \$850. Mike Dupuy, Marksville; (318) 253-6790.

Galv. rd. pens, all include 4' walk-through bow gate, 40', \$650; 50', \$750; 60', \$850; 80', \$1120. Carl Barlow, Pride; (225) 603-5610.

Galv. corral panels, 5'x10', \$47/1 or \$1050/25; 5'x12' heavy-duty, \$65/1 or \$1550/25; 140'x240' arena, w/10' gate, \$3285. Billy Barlow, Pride; (225) 603-5610.

17" Antares, French jumping saddle, caramel, sells for \$2950, will take, \$265. Tara Allen, New Orleans; (504) 382-1666.

Okra cutters, large hand operated, \$130/1. Franklin Courvelle, Opelousas; (337) 407-0188.

New galv. panels, w/mud boots, all include 4' bow gate, 7 bars, 16 gauge, 40' rd. pen, \$730; 50', \$895; 60', \$1115. Michael Passman, Amite; (985) 748-5094.

Western pleasure, cutting & roping saddles, excel. quality, \$175/1-up. Charles Casanova, Holden; (225) 294-2585.

Troy Bilt push-type leaf blower vacuum & shredder, like new, \$350. U. L. Bordelon, Mansura; (318) 253-5190.

Un-used Troxel Legacy Gold riding helmet, blk., med., \$30; Allflex handheld stock prod, \$15; dbl. twisted wire snaffle bit, \$15; backpack suitable for large goat or dog, \$10; T-post pounder, \$15. Debby Sharbaugh, Ethel; (225) 683-4919.

18000 btu air conditioner, window unit, \$100; microwave oven, \$30, both in good cond. L. J. St. Germain, Montz; (985) 652-9089.

Warn 8000 lb. up right winch, \$320; CP 60 lb. air hammer, \$125. Max Willett, Summerfield; (318) 986-5470.

15" Circle Y pleasure saddle, silver trim, chestnut color, w/deep floral design, matching breast collar & bridle w/silver Conchos, new pad, excel. cond., \$450. Paul Durr, Amite; (985) 748-5556.

Calf or steer roping chute, \$750. John Boudreaux, Abbeville; (337) 893-6743.

500-gal. fuel tank, w/hand pump & new filter, excel. cond., \$450; 15,000 lb. 5th wheel hitch, w/installation rail kit, \$475. Don Bringol, Marksville; (318) 253-4400 or (318) 729-3525.

Troy Bilt, 8 hp roto tiller, good cond., \$900 cash. James Burleigh, Opelousas; (337) 942-9343.

Hay forks, \$299; automatic heat gates, \$350; rd. pens for horses, all sizes, \$600/1-up. Ricky Juneau, Hessmer; (318) 563-8478.

2 3/8" tubing, 85¢/ft.; 2 7/8" tubing, 95¢/ft.; new 8" PVC, 200', \$2/ft. Gene Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

Impact concrete breaker, fits all backhoes, \$3000; fuel tank, 12K gallon, \$1000; new Honda diaphragm pump, 3", 4 hp, \$1200; new 60" universal excavator bucket, \$1200 obo. Mike Towns, Arcadia; (318) 263-3000.

Nursery pots, 2-gal. approx. 1800, \$150/all. Stuart Burris, Frierson; (318) 797-0239.

500-gal. fuel skid tank, w/hand pump, \$125. Russell Tanner, Evergreen; (318) 939-2122.

17" Roping saddle, like new, \$550; 15" Hereford roper, excel.

cond., \$350; 15" barrel saddle, \$350. Ed Durr, Jr., Amite; (985) 748-5556.

Emire 50,000 bu gravity vented, dual wall furnace, w/wall thermostat & auto blower, like new, \$400. Olive Freeman, Abbeville; (337) 893-2133.

Band saw lumber, 28¢/board foot, telephone poles, \$60/1; 3' x 8' fuel tank, \$125. Ben Brown, Basile; (337) 432-5870.

15" Longhorn Billy Cook barrel saddle, good cond., \$450. Michael Mitchell, DeQuincy; (337) 786-7204.

Homelite generator, 7.5 hp Robin motor, made by Subaru, used very little, \$550. Michael Mitchell, DeQuincy; (337) 786-7204.

2 3/8" tubing, 85¢/ft.; 2 7/8", 95¢/ft.; 3 1/2" tubing, \$1.75/ft., small & larger sizes also avail. Terri Brasseaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8462.

5 1/2 hp tiller, \$200. C. Medine, Donaldsonville; (225) 473-7241.

15 1/2" saddle, good leather, back girt, \$225. Percell Green, Jr., Rayville; (318) 728-6966.

Livestock scale, new, Paul model 240S, 35"x95" platform, 2400 lb. capacity, \$1900. John Mailhes, Keithville; (318) 925-0898.

150-gal. Rubbermaid water trough, w/auto float, \$90; 1/2 hp submersible pump, pipe, 40-gal. tank, elec. breaker box, \$250. Lee Cook, Husser; (985) 748-7043.

Western saddle, blk. leather, w/tan suede seat accents, 16" seat, semi bars, 2 yrs., just broken in, lightweight, good general use saddle, \$175. Cathe Charlier, Youngsville; (337) 857-0297.

Organic rabbit fertilizer, the best for flower & garden, doesn't smell, won't burn plants, \$2.5/bag. Dale Falcon, Prairieville; (225) 673-4833.

(10) Bird cages, some for finches, some for parrots, (1) is 4'x8'x5 1/2', on legs, some are commercial made, some are made w/1/2" welded wire, rodent & snake proof on the big cages, \$12-\$100/1. F. Chatelain, Loranger; (985) 748-3424.

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Wanted: old Coke machines or signs. Kathy, Baton Rouge; (225) 261-8739 or (225) 938-9366.

FAIRS & FESTIVALS

Spring Heritage Festival will be held April 24 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Laurel Valley Village Store on Hwy. 308 in Thibodaux. Admission is free. Crafters interested in participating in this year's festival, please contact Paul Leslie at (985) 447-5216 or (985) 448-4885.



News around the nation

Agriculture & Forestry issues from across the 50 states

Alaskan elephant to get treadmill



It's not easy being a pudgy pachyderm.

Several national groups seem to want to weigh in with opinions on trimming Maggie the elephant's waistline.

Keepers at the Alaska Zoo in

Anchorage, where Maggie lives, are preparing to install an elephant exercise treadmill.

"All I know is it seems like a good idea to get a sedentary animal moving," said Sid Cannon, vice president of Idaho-based Conveyor Engineering, a company that designs heavy-duty conveyor systems used in mining and has offered to build Maggie's treadmill.

"We put rocks on our conveyors as big as an elephant, and a treadmill is basically a conveyor, so building one would be no big deal."

In the wild, African elephants stay on the move about 16 hours a day foraging for food and water. But Maggie is confined and alone, plus the winter keeps her indoors part of the year.

"There's no comparison to a treadmill versus life in the wild or in a sanctuary," said Nicole Meyer of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

John Seawall, the elephant habitat zoo manager, hopes the treadmill will stem some criticism.

"She could stand to lose a couple of

hundred pounds, but out of a weight of 9,200 pounds it's somewhat insignificant," he said.

Conveyor Engineering's Cannon said, "We do a little community service, but little did we know that this is a controversial thing."

Of course, training an elephant to walk on it is another matter. Seawall plans to install the machine in the pathway between Maggie's indoor barn and the rest of her outdoor habitat area. They will give her some time to get used to the presence of the machine before turning it on.

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have to be certified by an agency, or certifier, accredited by the USDA.

Not every state agriculture department serves as an organic certifier for their state. Private groups can also apply to USDA to be a certifying entity.

Anyone interested in organic certification must complete and return an organic certification producer system plan questionnaire issued by the department. The LDAF organic program coordinator will review the questionnaire and schedule an inspection of the organic operation.

For more information, contact Harry Schexnayder at (225) 952-8047.

Coming Your Way

Louisiana Team Penning Association is holding shows beginning at 7:30 p.m. April 29, May 13 and May 27 at T-N-T Arena in Elm Grove.

Benefit shows start at 1 p.m. with double points. Buckles will be presented to high point earners in adult classes and trophy halters with leads to winning teams in all classes except juniors. All junior riders will get a trophy.

For more information, contact Billy at (318) 987-9955, Tammy at (318) 464-3351 or email LTA-POINTS@aol.com.

Horseman Association of Southwest Louisiana has scheduled two events for April at the Old Dairy Festival Barn and Arena in Abbeville.

At 6 p.m. April 16 the group will host a variety jackpot timed event show for all ages. Sign up begins at 5 p.m.

For more information, call (337) 652-3627 or (337) 652-4010.

At 7 p.m. April 23 the group will host a team sorting event for children and adults.

For more information, call (337) 652-3627 or (337) 652-4010.

Livingston Horse Show Association has shows scheduled

for 9 a.m. April 16 and April 30.

Age groups include peanut, pee-wee, junior and senior. Classes include halter, performance, English and gaited, timed events and novice.

For more information, contact Deloris Senez at (225) 664-3150 or Wanda Johnson at (225) 664-3169.

Deep South Stock Horse Show Association will hold open horse shows April 23, May 7, May 21 and June 4 at Shady Park Arena in Baton Rouge.

The shows include Western judged and timed events.

Halter begins at 9 a.m., judged at 10:30 a.m. and speed after 1 p.m.

High point and high point reserve awards will be presented at each show. Points will accrue for end-of-the-year awards.

For more information, contact Jenny Redhead at (225) 978-2447.

National Barrel Horse Association Louisiana State Championships will be held April 22-23 at the Beauregard Parish Covered Arena in DeRidder.

Senior championships are scheduled for Friday at 1 p.m. with an awards presentation following. Youth and Open are scheduled for

Saturday beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Entry fees are \$30 for Senior and Youth championships, and \$40 for Open championships.

Limited RV hookups are available on a first come first served basis for \$20 a night. A list of nearby hotels is available.

For more information, contact Marshall Modisene at (318) 846-2534.

Dennis Reis will hold a two-day horse clinic April 30 and May 1 at the Lamar-Dixon Expo Center in Gonzales.

The fee for the 2005 No Dust Tour is \$25 for both days.

For more information, contact Phil at (985) 878-3039.

Calcasieu Horseman's Club will host open horse shows April 23, May 28 and June 4 at the Burton Arena in Lake Charles.

The shows are PAC approved and feature four age divisions and classes for special needs riders.

Classes include halter, color, showmanship, leadline, Western and English disciplines, reigning and speed events.

Seven additional shows are planned for the remainder of the year.

For more information, contact

(337) 528-9441 or (337) 794-0662.

Louisiana Tech University's farm production sale will be held at 1 p.m. May 7 in Ruston.

Animals available include horses, heifers, steers, hogs and lambs.

A Web site has been set up for the sale at www.livestocksale.latech.edu.

For more information, contact Dr. Gary Kennedy at (318) 257-3275.

IHC Chapter #31 state show will be held May 13-14 at the Washington Parish Fairgrounds in Franklinton.

The show will feature International Harvester tractors, cadets, trucks, engines and other equipment along with farm-related crafts and parts vendors.

RV hookups are available.

For more information, contact Buddy Banks at (985) 732-3950 or bhbanks@i-55.com, or contact Charlie Stewart at (985) 735-8900.

Pedersen and Pedersen Auctions is accepting consignments for its 2005 Open Ranch Horse Competition and Sale to be held May 27-28 at the Beauregard Parish Civic Center Arena in DeRidder.

Consignment forms can be

downloaded from the Web site, www.pedersenhorseauctions.com.

Sale is open to Quarter Horses, Paints, Thoroughbreds and Appaloosas.

To place ads in the sale catalog or reserve vendor's booths contact Cindy Quebedeaux by email cquebedeaux@xspedius.net or phone (337) 494-1333.

For more information, contact Erik Pedersen at (337) 328-8573, Tommy Carson at (337) 263-3317 or Mike Pedersen at (337) 794-5737.

Tri-State Rodeo Association, sponsored by the Greenwell Springs Youth Riders, is hosting its 47th annual rodeo at 8 p.m. May 20-21 at the BREC Greenwell Springs Park Arena in Greenwell Springs.

Events will include bull riding, breakaway roping, calf roping, bareback riding, barrel racing, team roping, saddle bronc riding and calf scramble.

There will be cash prizes and a bicycle give away.

Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for children ages six to twelve, and free for children five and under.

For more information, contact Kendall Gerald (225) 658-6292.

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cles to drive under a protective cover to each of the stalls. The tranquilized animals are carried from custom trailers and gently placed in the holding pens. Animals can also be placed in the units from entrances located outside the barn. Once inside the pen, there is little external stimulus to disturb the delicate exotics.

Many of the bidders are also Louisiana members of the Exotic Wildlife Association and have a keen interest in getting the auction established. If the auction becomes permanent it means less out-of-state travel and use of tranquilizing agents on their valuable animals.

While Bauer was looking for a pleasure animal others were interested in improving their overall breeding quality.

"We have a breeding facility in Clinton," said Scott Heinrich of Anna's Exotic Animals. "We're looking for some white-tail deer to improve our genetics."

Swank agreed the High Delta auction was the place to find superior animals.

"You're looking at the best in Louisiana," he said.

Still another Mississippian, businessman Matt Armstrong, was hoping to add to his personal enjoyment stock. He bought several of the Texas dahls.

"These are for my little girl," he

said. "She'll feed and raise them."

The dahl will be added to his herd of axis, fallow and black buck antelope roaming on his 1000-acre farm.

"If the prices are right I'll keep bidding," Armstrong said. "So far the prices are right."

An added benefit in raising exotic deer is that even the antlers, shed annually by many species, are valuable.

Several racks from a variety of breeds sold in the \$100 range.

Mike LaFleur of Ville Platte, a veteran of many auctions and an exotic animal breeder for more than 10 years, was pleased with the auction. It was his pair of 18-month-old Arctic foxes that sold for \$350.

Over the years LaFleur has raised zebras, donkeys, water buffaloes, emus, ostriches, foxes and buffaloes. He described his reason for entering the exotic animal market as only a Cajun from South Louisiana could.

"I had an *envie* (a desire) for a zebra 10 years ago," LaFleur said. "Since that time I got a female and raised four babies."

As mentioned earlier, Swank already has five more exotic animal auctions planned for the High Delta Ranch. He's hoping Louisiana folks will continue to have the *envie*.

Lagniappe Cookery

Dilly Green Tomatoes

Select small, firm green tomatoes. Wash and pack in sterilized quart jars. To each quart jar add one clove of garlic, one hot red or green pepper, and one head dill. For approximately eight quarts: combine two quarts of water, one quart of cider vinegar and one cup of salt. Cook solution for five minutes. Fill jars to 1/2 inch from top. Seal.

Okra Bacon Casserole

1 1/2 pounds tender okra	1 green bell pepper, chopped
3 fresh tomatoes, chopped	5 strips bacon
1 onion, chopped	salt & pepper to taste

Slice okra into thin rounds. Grease a 2 1/2-quart casserole dish. Layer okra, tomatoes, salt, pepper, onions and bell pepper. Repeat layers. Lay bacon overlapping on top. Back at 350 degrees for one hour. Serves six.



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“What am I bid ...”



By Sam Irwin

More than 75 bidders spent \$70,000 for an array of unusual hoofstock at the first ever exotic animal auction held in Louisiana last month.

Exotic animal display-farm owners, breeders and other interested parties converged on Jeff Swank's 2000-acre High Delta Exotic Game Ranch near the Richland Parish town of Delhi to bid on a collection of axis, sika, white fallow, black buck and white-tail deer for the event.

"Probably the most exotic animals we have to sell are a pair of Arctic foxes and one of my zebras," Swank said. "We didn't really know what to expect. I had one lady call and say she was bringing a tiger."

The tiger lady didn't show but Swank was not discouraged.

"I was elated that we had such participation in the first sale," said Swank, who was granted an auction charter by the Louisiana

Department of Agriculture and Forestry last January. "We had a total attendance of more than 200."

Swank also said animal supply vendors who displayed at the con-fab did a brisk business selling feeders, animal stands and other sundries.

"I am really excited," Swank said. "I was afraid we would have to give the animals away."

Buoyed by the success of the initial meet, Swank quickly announced plans for five additional auctions to take place on the first weekends of August through December.

Swank said the auction was the culmination of 25 years of hard work by Louisiana breeders to create the state market. He said the biggest benefit of having an in-state sale is it will reduce the need for buyers to cross state lines to purchase breeding stock.

"Our auction will eliminate the travel to Texas to buy stock," Swank said.

But several buyers traveled across state lines from Mississippi and one bought Swank's zebra.

Robin Bauer of Union, Miss., said he already has a collection of exotic animals on his farm and wanted a zebra to round out the mix.

"I've got a big farm and already have buffalo, donkeys and cattle. I just like exotic animals to add to the herd," Bauer said. "And I thought a zebra would be nice."

"I don't want to hold him, catch him or touch him. I just want to look at him. I'm not going to do anything special with

him. I'm just going to have him out there."

Bauer said he was prepared to bid up to \$3,000 on the striped animal.

"I was told the males go for \$3,000 and the females, \$5,000, but not having bought one, I don't know," Bauer said.

Instead of tranquilizing the zebra and placing it in a pen for viewing, Swank video-taped the creature foraging in the large pasture adjacent to the auction tent. Bidders had a chance to look at the animal in the field or from the taped image.

Swank said it is risky to tranquilize zebras and other exotics.

"Every time you put one of these animals under anesthesia, there's a risk," he said. "You have to judge the animal's weight and I don't want to take the risk on one worth \$3,000."

The auctioneering team of Mike Pedersen and Tommy Carson of Lake Charles began the sale by working the crowd with the Arctic foxes. Swank held up the adorable fox puppies as auctioneer Pedersen hawked their attributes.

"Young, beautiful Arctic fox puppies, 18-months-old! Breeding season just about to begin! Who'll start the bidding?"

As Pedersen yodeled the bids, partner Carson worked the ring and pointed to the bidders in encouragement.

The bidding began on the baby foxes at \$200 but quickly petered out at \$350.

Shortly after the fox sale the zebra's image came up on the four-foot wide video monitor and Bauer immediately began to signal his bid. Although his top bid of \$2,900 was not quite high enough for

Swank to release the animal, Bauer agreed to shell out an additional \$100. A polite round of applause filled the canvas tent to congratulate Bauer and his purchase.

In general, most exotic animals are not herded into pens for public viewing like a cattle sale, but a few tame animals can be put on display. A small corral of Texas dahl bighorn sheep herded nervously in a small pen near the sale tent, the choice ram eventually selling for \$650. Other domesticated animals

such as llamas and miniature horses can be put on display for future auctions, Swank said.

Bidders viewed the animals from a tiny grated window on each of the 33 darkened individual pens in Swank's barn or via a live video feed filmed from the catwalk above the cells.

Swank designed the auction barn with the animal's well-being in mind.

A center breezeway allows vehi-
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Auctioneer Mike Pedersen solicits bids on a pair of young Arctic foxes (top right). Texas dahl sheep, one zebra and nearly 100 exotic deer and antelopes were sold at the first exotic animal auction held in Louisiana (top left and above). Mandi B., from Hooters of West Monroe, displays a hardebeest antler rack that sold for more than \$100.

